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## \$9m robbery jolts Britain

LONDON, April 5 (AFP) — Armed raiders Tuesday stole six million pounds (\$9 million) in cash from Security Express, a firm transporting money for British banks, the private television network ITV said Tuesday night, quoting a reliable source. If the report is true, it would be the biggest cash robbery ever staged in Britain.

The gang, believed to number six, overpowered seven cashiers and a guard as they arrived for work and forced them to open the firm's safes in a six-hour operation.

Commander Frank Cater, head of the

## France expels 47 Soviet diplomats for espionage

PARIS, April 5 (R) — France's left-wing government Tuesday expelled 47 Soviet diplomats and other officials apparently on spying charges, plunging relations between the two countries to their lowest level for decades.

The 47 were flown out of Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport back to Moscow aboard a special Ilushin-86 airliner. Their embassy described the expulsion order as unfounded and arbitrary.

The Socialist government, which includes four ministers from France's pro-Soviet Communist Party, withheld any announcement of the decision, which one expelled Russian said had been notified to the embassy two days ago.

Western diplomatic sources said France had based its action, the biggest since the expulsion of 105 Soviet personnel from Britain in 1971, on an accumulation of evidence from East European defectors and the French security services.

Informed sources said the highest-ranking of the 47 was Counselor Nikolai Chetverikov, No. 3 in the embassy.

Chetverikov has been described in recent French press reports as a senior intelligence officer.

The list also included the Paris bureau chief of the official Soviet news agency Tass, Oleg Shirokov, who told reporters: "I feel offended, outraged. I consider this measure an offense to the whole journalistic profession."

The expelled personnel and their families, totaling about 150, were among 2,400 Soviet residents in Paris, 700 of whom have

"diplomatic" passports.

The number, triple the level of 10 years ago, includes embassy staff, trade officials, journalists and representatives to Paris-based United Nations organizations.

As the expelled Russians were preparing to board mini-buses at the embassy in the fashionable 16th District, spokesman Alexander Avdeyev said the mission protested "against this totally unfounded and arbitrary decision."

The move appeared to be political, he said. The French authorities had given no explanations and had not specified the activities the embassy staff were alleged to have been involved in, Avdeyev added.

## Jordan talks adjourned for 48 hours

AMMAN, April 5 (Agencies) — A 48-hour pause in Jordanian-Palestinian talks was announced here Tuesday to allow time for agreement to be reached on the terms of a joint political communiqué that will wind up talks between King Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

Arafat conferred four times with the monarch after beginning a visit to Jordan on Thursday.

Arafat arrived in Kuwait unexpectedly from Amman Tuesday. Flanked by his top military lieutenant Khalil Wazir and chief political adviser Farouk Kaddoumi, Arafat told airport reporters that "King Hussein and I are agreed on what is good for both sides."

He denied reports about obstacles impeding accord with Hussein on Jordan's role in the Mideast peace process.

King Hussein was hoping to gain a PLO mandate to talk with the Israelis on behalf of the Palestinian people toward a peace pact under U.S. sponsorship. But PLO sources insisted that no such mandate was relevant.

Arafat said the joint Jordan-Palestine committee was still in session in Amman and would issue a joint statement later on his talks with the Jordanian monarch.

## Bigger role for private sector in state projects

RIYADH, April 5 (SPA) — The private sector will soon be given the opportunity to share in government projects, including those within the petrochemicals industry, according to Minister of Finance and National Economy Muhammad Aba Al-Khail. He indicated, in an interview with *Al-Yamama* magazine that such projects, which were previously released only through government channels, would now be released for general participation by the public.

"The private sector can now take the initiative and play a major role in economic development," Aba Al-Khail said. He pointed out the Kingdom's distinguished role in petrochemical industries, which, he said, was due to the fact the Kingdom was producing these products at a lesser cost, something which serves its interests and those of the world.

Saudi Arabian participation in such projects, he said, is being aided by new legislation requiring foreign contractors to allocate not less than 30 percent of their contracts to national sub-contractors. He indicated that a Finance Ministry committee is now studying the commercial agent system in attempts to provide better protection for local businessmen.

## Oil slick stretches along Gulf

KUWAIT, April 5 (R) — A giant oil slick was reported Tuesday to stretch almost the entire length of the Gulf and ministers from eight countries in the region were due in Kuwait for crisis talks on how to disperse it. Kuwaiti Health Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi told parliament that ministers from all the Gulf states, including Iran and Iraq, who have been at war for two and a half years, would attend a meeting Wednesday on combating the slick.

Thick, tarry oil pouring from Iranian wells which Tehran says were shattered by Iraqi forces threatens to cause havoc to marine life and vital industrial plants.

Experts said the slick now stretched along

## Bid to contain offensive

## Thai jets rain napalm on Viet strongholds

ARANYAPRATHET, April 5 (AP) — Thai jet fighter bombers dropped napalm on Vietnamese positions along the Thai-Kampuchean border during the first use of air power Monday in a six-day-old Vietnamese offensive which has seen fighting spill over from Kampuchea (Cambodia) into Thailand. Thai military officers at the frontier said Tuesday.

The officers told Associated Press reporter Mangkorn Khamreongwong that two U.S.-made F-5 warplanes swooped down on Vietnamese positions just inside Thailand and dropped a total of eight canisters.

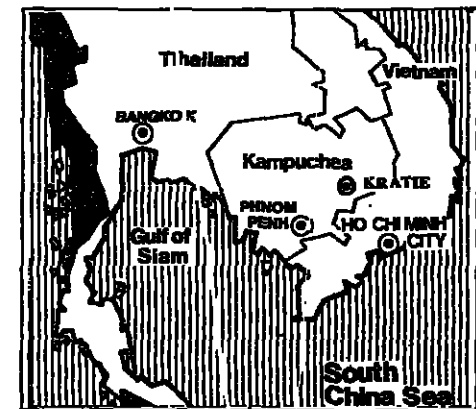
A supreme military command spokesman in Bangkok said he had no reports of the use of napalm, although the air strikes have been officially confirmed.

Maj. Gen. Prachum Pibhuanprunawat, commander of the Second Division of the First Army, described the air strike as "successful" but gave no details. Prachum is the ranking Thai officer at the border.

Sporadic fighting was reported inside Kampuchea around Phnom Chat, near where the strikes took place but military activity was reported to have decreased Tuesday.

Thai authorities at the border said Vietnamese forces began patrolling the perimeter of the captured resistance capital of Sihanoukville in northern Kampuchea Tuesday.

Western and Thai military analysts say the Vietnamese could easily strike against the large Kampuchean civilian encampment of Nong Samet in the central Thai-Cambodian border, and the guerrilla headquarters of resistance Prince Minister Son Sann further



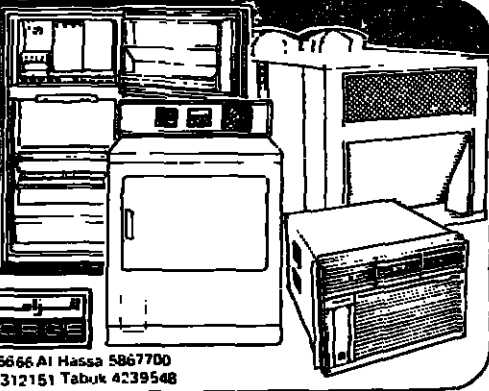
north. The Thai Foreign Ministry summoned envoys of 16 Western and pro-Western countries, and also the Soviet and Vietnamese ambassadors, to brief them on the border situation.

Thailand's Queen Sirikit Tuesday made an unscheduled trip to visit borders along the frontier. She inquired a bout the overall situation.

Meanwhile, the Vietnam News Agency reported from Hanoi that Politburo member Gen. Chu Huy Man welcomed Kampuchean Vice Defense Minister Min Krot, and praised the "great victories" of the Phnom Penh army during the past four years.

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## 1983-84 budget reviewed

## Abdullah briefs cabinet on new finance policies

RIYADH, April 5 (SPA) — This Council of Ministers has reviewed the steps taken to prepare the 1983/84 state budget in the light of King Fahd's directives and approved the final version of the statute which will govern the trade of precious minerals and stones in Saudi Arabia. Commerce Minister Dr. Soli-



Crown Prince Abdullah

man A. Solaim submitted a report on the statute.

Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, who presided over the weekly session Monday, briefed the cabinet on the King's directives and expounded the dimensions of the state's new financial policies.

Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy, submitted a comprehensive report on the main aspects of last year's budget (1982/83), the spending ratios from the various chapters and the arrangements made to release the new budget.

Planning Minister Hisham Nazer submitted a follow-up report on this year's implementation of the current five-year plan. He gave his views on the remaining period and the strategy that ought to be adopted for a smooth completion of the plan.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, the cabinet spokesman, said that the cabinet discussed and approved a new arbitration system that will alleviate the burden on the tribunals by settling disputes between the citizens. The arbitration statute had already been examined by the ministers of justice and commerce, the head of the Complaints Board, and the head of the experts committee of the Council of Ministers. The cabinet also discussed civil aviation issues.

## BRIEFS

**King Fahd thanked**  
RIYADH (SPA) — King Fahd has received a cable of thanks from Greek President Constantine Karamanlis in reply to the King's greetings on the occasion of Greek Independence Day.

**Abdullah get's notes**  
RIYADH (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah Tuesday received a message from Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, the ruler of Qatar. The crown prince also received a message from Bangladesh on martial law adminis-

trator Hussein Muhammad Ershad. It was delivered by Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Sultan Mahmood, in the presence of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

**Haroon inspects projects**  
DHAHRAN (SPA) — Pakistani Interior Minister Mahmood Haroon and an accompanying delegation left here Tuesday for Abha after a day's trip to the Kingdom's Eastern Province as part of his current visit to the country.

## McGovern flays increased U.S. aid to Israelis

DHAHRAN, April 5 (SPA) — The U.S. Senate decision to increase the volume of military aid to Israel is a grave mistake, former U.S. Senator George McGovern has said here. Commenting on the decision, McGovern said it was made at a time when "many Israelis protested against their government's aggressive behavior" in the region.

"The continuation of this aid has made the Senate's decision more grave. This aid should at least be subject to Israel's agreement to withdraw from Lebanon and its readiness to begin negotiations to bring about a just settlement of the Palestine question," he added.

McGovern said the Reagan administration was following a right path by insisting that the guarantee of Israel's security could not be ensured without the recovery of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian



George McGovern

people, including the right to a homeland. He expressed satisfaction with the administration's insistence on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and a homeland for the Palestinians.

## 10 convicted on forgery charges

RIYADH, April 5 — Ten persons of various nationalities have been convicted of forgery and given different prison sentences, according to a statement issued by the Interior Ministry. With the exception of a Saudi citizen, all convicts will be deported and barred from entering the Kingdom upon completion of their terms.

Muhammad Abubaker Modi, Somali, was found guilty of forging a driving license and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Muhammad Kulzar Hussein, Pakistani, was found guilty of forging a passport. He was sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment and a fine of SR2,000.

Nur Abubaker Mumin, Hussein Muhammad Musa and Ali Muhammad Jaal, all Somali, were found guilty of forging residence permits. They were sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR2,000 each.

Sihan Suleiman Al-Shamri, Saudi, was found guilty of forging a work permit. He was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Abdullah Omar Royilah Mahmoud, Som-

ali, was found guilty of forging a residence permit. He was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Daud Ali Hafnah, Djibouti national, was found guilty of forging a driving license and sentenced to one year in jail and a fine of SR1,000.

Iskandar Ali Shafie Muhammad, Pakistani, was found guilty of forging a residence permit. He was sentenced to one-year imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

Yusef Muhammad Isa, Chadian, was found guilty of forging a residence permit and a driving license. He was sentenced to one-year and half imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000.

## Lasram leaves

JEDDAH, April 5 (SPA) — Tunisian Economy Minister Abdul Aziz Lasram left here Monday night after a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He had talks with Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi on ways of developing cooperation in the fields of economy and commerce.

## Ministers study judicial systems

RIYADH, April 5 (SPA) — Arab justice ministers Monday night discussed the unification of judicial and legislative systems in the Arab world and the drafting of an agreement on judicial cooperation.

On Tuesday, Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard received the Arab ministers.

Earlier Monday, the ministers held a procedural session and elected Justice Minister Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sheikh as chairman of the conference. They also formed a committee made up of representatives from Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Qatar, and Tunisia to prepare the agenda.

Addressing the session, North Yemeni Justice Minister Mohsen Al-Alafi said a committee which had been assigned the task of drafting an agreement on Arab judicial cooperation had finished its task.

In a speech, the Saudi Arabian justice minister underlined the importance of ensuring justice in the Arab world in accordance with the Islamic Sharia. Al-Sheikh called for Arab unity and said it was the only way to victory.

"Moreover, the Zionist enemy has been able to carry out its plots against the Islamic and Arab nation because of Arab differences and dissension," he said.

## Flash floods strike Riyadh areas

RIYADH, April 5 — Rescue efforts are continuing for residents in the Khalidia Quarter and Dawasir Valley where heavy rains resulted in flash floods. Al-Jazirah reported that aircraft have been dispatched by Prince Saddam bin Abdul Aziz, deputy governor of Riyadh to assess damages.

Heavy rain also affected the nearby areas of Dawasir and Salil valleys, causing damages to some of the farms in this area.

The Salil deputy governor said that as of Tuesday, no human lives had been claimed in the damages. He personally toured the affected areas.

## TAIC concludes training courses

RIYADH, April 5 — The Arab Investment Co. (TAIC) has concluded two intensive training courses for its staff members at the Riyadh headquarters, according to a press release. The five-day course on "Prob-

lem solving and decision making" was attended by Grade I employees of the company both from the main office and the branches. Another course on "Strategic company planning" for all department heads lasted two days.

## Turkish company wins \$165m deal

ISTANBUL, April 5 (R) — The Turkish construction company Enka has won a \$165 million contract to build a state science and technology center in Riyadh, company Chairman Sarik Tara said Tuesday.

The project, including educational buildings and a housing complex, will be com-

pleted within two years, Tara told Reuters.

Enka, one of Turkey's largest construction companies, has contracts worth \$1.5 billion in the Middle East including \$580 million in Saudi Arabia, not counting the new contract, Tara added.

## Prayer Times

Wednesday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:23	12:24	11:55	11:42	12:07	12:36
Asr (Afternoon)	3:49	3:53	3:24	3:12	3:37	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:38	6:40	6:12	6:00	6:24	6:55
Isha (Night)	8:08	8:10	7:42	7:30	7:54	8:25

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## SR142b in loans, subsidies allocated

JEDDAH, April 5 — The Saudi Arabian government gave subsidies and loans totaling SR142 billion between July 1975 and the end of April 1982, according to a report by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy published by *Al-Nadwa*.

Subsidies totaled SR32.5 billion while loans came to SR109.7 billion. The subsidies for foodstuffs such as rice, sugar, flour, maize, barley, meat, oils and milk amounted to SR11.9 billion. There were also direct monetary grants for agricultural crops, livestock and drought contingencies; and indirect subsidies for agricultural machinery, chemical fertilizers, concentrated animal fodder, machines and pumps, poultry breeding and dairy farm equipment that totaled SR6.40 billion.

Another SR6.5 billion was spent as an electric consumption subsidy for domestic and commercial uses amounting to seven halalas per kilowatt and five halalas in industrial installations.

Social affairs subsidies amounted to SR150 million. Social care subsidies came to SR203 million. Sports and literary clubs got SR384 million. Social security subsidies were of the order of SR6.3 billion. The public transport subsidy reached SR550 million.

Total loans granted by the Real Estate Development Fund were SR56.3 billion for 217,382 recipients in various cities and villages. The fund gives loans amounting to 70 percent of the cost of building private houses and 50 percent of commercial housing to citizens who already own the land. The fund is reimbursable over 25 years for the former and five years for the latter.

The Industrial Development Fund gave 1,099 loans to industrial projects, electricity companies and cold storage facilities totaling SR41.1 billion.

The Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank granted 187,941 loans totaling SR8.6 billion.

The Saudi Credit Bank disbursed 112,601 loans totaling SR120 billion. The fund for lending to contractors gave 60 loans totaling SR162 million since its inception until it stopped its activity in 1978/79.

The Hotel Lending Program granted 1,677,424,000 loans to build 81 hotels in 15 cities. The Hospital Lending Program gave 39 loans to build 19 hospitals with 2,309 beds and to expand and renovate existing hospitals. Loans totaled SR295 million. The Bakeries Lending Program gave 69 loans totaling SR264 million in 45 cities and villages.



TRAINING SESSION: Sayed Nassir El Din engineering manager at Saudi Ceramic Company discusses safety in industrial and commercial establishments during a presentation at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The chamber has organized two training programs for the benefit of business and industrial establishments.

## Managers get training in business techniques

By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 5 — Two training programs designed to introduce the latest business techniques and developments to increase personnel efficiency were held here simultaneously and ended on Tuesday, according to Osman Basager, Chamber of Commerce and Industry public relations manager.

The program on "Industrial Management" commenced on March 28. It was meant for industry owners, directors and production managers.

"The idea was to acquaint them with modern ways of industrial management and explain the relationship between production management and administration management," Basager told *Arab News*.

During the sessions ways of achieving

higher production by proper adjustment of human resources and material were explained. Topics of discussion included what is management, how to use it in industries; production planning; production and operation management; raw material and its stock; quality control; cost study; maintenance and safety.

Another program on "Safety in industrial projects" began April 2 and will continue through Wednesday. It emphasizes the importance of safety, for the benefit of both, labor and the industry, Basager said.

It is especially designed for people working in safety departments of stores, warehouses and industries. Philosophies of the safety, major dangers to it and how to avoid such dangers are being discussed. It also covers best ways to train workers on the ways and means for safety.

The chamber has embarked on a very ambitious training program this year to increase efficiency and introducing scientific management into the fast growing economic activity in the Kingdom.

"JCCI, in cooperation with the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Saudi Chambers of Commerce, has planned 14 training programs for the current year covering various departments connected with trade and industry, which include finance, administration, computer, warehousing, purchases, import, marketing and personnel," he added.

The chamber has already completed 10 training programs this year, two are in progress and two remain, including one on import procedures and rules on April 16-20 and a project on designing in administration on May 8-18.

## OIC suggests firm stance against threats

JEDDAH, April 5 (SPA) — Islamic states have been called upon by the Organization of the Islamic Conference to take a firm stand to confront what it called the Zionists' plans to demolish mosques and holy shrines in Jerusalem and other occupied territories.

In a statement, the OIC appealed to international organizations and all peace-loving people to "adopt positive measures to encounter the Zionist threats."

"The Zionist criminal hand has extended once again to Islamic shrines in an obvious attempt to change the original Islamic status of these places and force Arab citizens through arbitrary acts and oppression to leave their land for the Zionist to complete the Israeli settlements network besieging Palestinian cities and towns," it said.

The statement said the attacks on Islamic sacred shrines and the poisoning of girl students were in harmony with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's plans to "foil all peace efforts."

It underlined the importance of solidarity and joint action to counter challenges facing the Islamic nation.

## Bankers tour Masstock Saudia

## Efficient management ensures farm profits

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 5 — Good management is essential to ensure the profitability of dairy and wheat farming in the Kingdom for some time to come. Alastair McGuckian, chairman of Masstock Saudia Limited, recently told a large number of bank executives who toured two of the farms operated by the company in the Eastern Province.

"There is a good price for wheat and an increasing market for milk," McGuckian said. "Unless better than average yields and sales are achieved, farm business will not be viable. Unfortunately, many of the farms in the Kingdom are not meeting that standard."

Masstock Saudia, formed seven years ago, lays special emphasis on management efficiency, according to McGuckian. More than 20 persons, representing banking operations both in the Kingdom and overseas, were shown through two farm projects.

The first visit was to Judah Farms Ltd., a joint venture of Masstock and Muhammad Al-Damer. This farm began wheat and dairy production in April of 1982, and during the next nine months 670 tons of wheat was harvested from 120 hectares, an average of 5.6 tons per hectare. At the same farm, 2.8 million liters of milk was produced, averaging 20 liters per day per cow.

Since then, the area cultivated in wheat has been increased to 315 hectares with the capital cost of the expansion paid for largely from the profits from the dairy production.

Sheep and wheat farming on sand dunes were the subject of the next visit to a farm owned by Khalid Al-Damer, Muhammad's cousin. Both farms are situated near the picturesque village of Judah, 200 kilometers west of Alkhobar.

These farms are among a total of 20 operated in the Kingdom by Masstock on a joint venture basis with Saudi Arabian landowners. Six dairy projects are concentrated near the cities where Masstock's sister company, Alamaral, processes and markets the products under the "Almaral" brand name.

The remaining farms are in crop production and scattered throughout the Kingdom. Masstock is a Saudi Arabian-registered joint venture company owned by Prince Sultan bin Muhammad bin Saud Al-Kabir and the Irish farming company Masstock International. It has further plans to expand both its milk and wheat production in 1983 as the markets for the company's products continue to expand.

## 200 graduating under Petromin training program

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 5 — Two hundred young students will be graduated from Petromin's domestic refinery in Yanbu Wednesday, thus bringing the total number to 1,100 Saudi Arabian given advanced technical training on oil industry, according to engineer Yahya Abdul Karim Al-Zayd, executive member of the refinery.

Zayd pointed out that Saudization is a strategic aim adopted by all government departments and in the refinery particularly a number of Saudi Arabians are taking part in all operations starting with the planning stage and "we are committed to have a percentage no less than 40 percent Saudi Arabians in any project and that percentage will increase when production commences," Zayd said.

The training programs started two years ago in technical and administrative fields on theoretical and practical levels in various refineries inside and outside the Kingdom like the Jeddah, Bahrain and Jordan refineries. Distinguished students were sent to some American refineries for advanced training; and these programs were coupled with English language courses.

Zayd explained that the aim of the refinery is to provide petroleum products to the Western Province, to attain self-sufficiency in these products and cut imports. It will extend its services to desalination plants, cement factories, electricity stations as well as supplying foreign ships calling on Yanbu port.

The capacity of the refinery will be distributed as follows in its initial stage: 2,100 barrels per day, (bpd) of gas oil, 28,184 bpd gas super, 9,383 bpd gas regular, 12,400 bpd jet fuel, 38,373 diesel and 76,500 oil fuel.

Zayd said these products will help meet the growing needs in the province. Next year for instance the length of the main roads network will reach 13,000 kilometers supported by 10,000 kilometers of feeder roads.

## Automobile telephone installations increasing

RIYADH, April 5 — Automobile telephones in Riyadh, Jeddah, Makkah, Al-Hada, Taif, Dammam, Hofuf and Abqiy have totaled 1,400, a spokesman for the General Telecommunications Department said Tuesday. The spokesman told *Al-Madinah* another 19,000 car telephones are expected to be installed before the end of 1984 in all parts of Saudi Arabia.

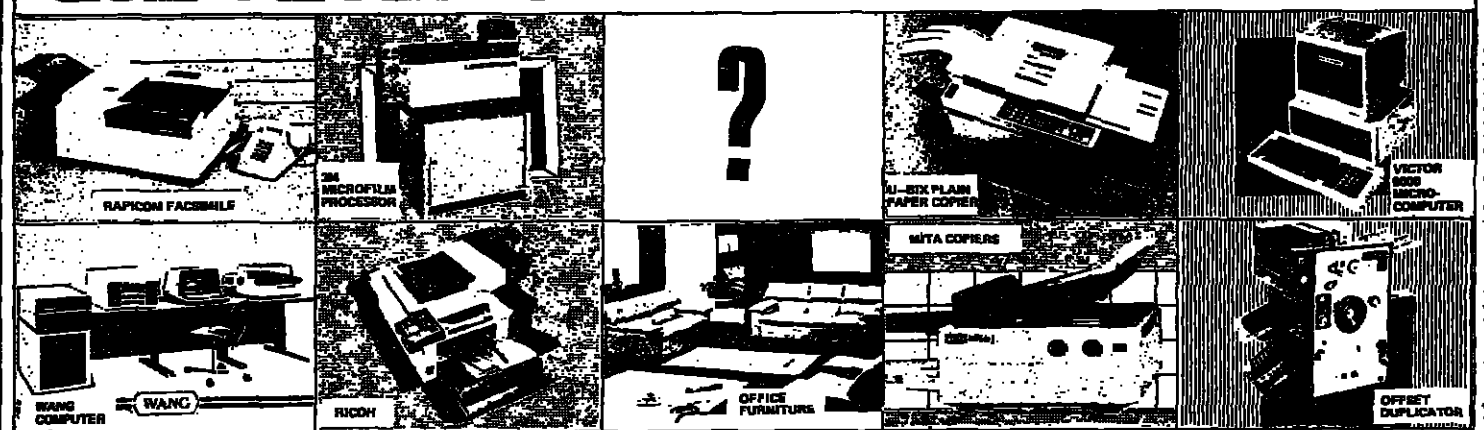


FARM TOUR: Muhammad Aldamer (left), co-owner of the Judah dairy farm project, and Abdul Aziz Al-Zaid, a representative from the Saudi Cetro Bank of Riyadh, discuss dairy management during their farm tour.



BASICS DISCUSSED: Locally-based bank executives are shown around by Alastair McGuckian, Masstock company chairman during their tour of the Judah dairy farm project.

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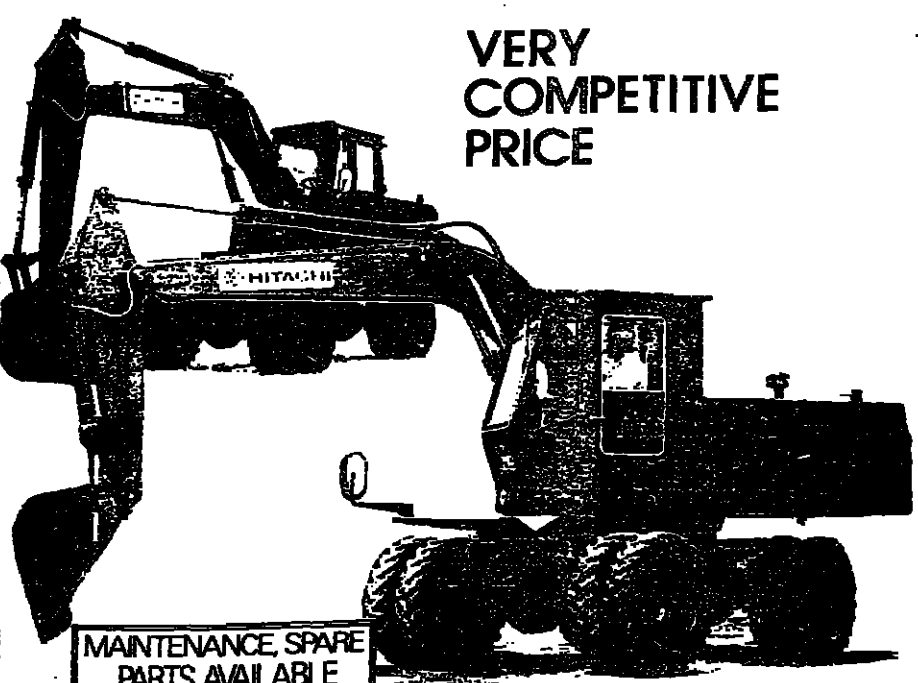
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## Security Council asks De Cuellar to probe poisonings in West Bank

UNITED NATIONS April 5 (Agencies) — The U.N. Security Council, in a statement issued Monday night, asked Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for a study and report on the causes of illnesses of schoolgirls on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, council president for April, read the statement to reporters in a press briefing room here after the 15-nation council drafted and agreed on it in private talks lasting roughly an hour and 25 minutes.

The presidential statement was a substitute for the urgent meeting of the council that Iraq had requested to discuss "mass poisoning of more than 1,000 Palestinian schoolgirls" on the West Bank.

The statement, referring by number to the Iraqi letter that promoted the private consultations, said:

"The members of the Security Council request the secretary-general to conduct independent inquiries concerning the causes and effects of the serious problem of the reported cases of poisoning and urgently to report on the findings."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick did not accept any questions from the reporters on the statement or the private talks that produced it.

She had convened the consultations at 2322 GMT on the 15-nation council's first working day after receipt of the Iraqi request.

## Mubarak begins Japan tour

TOKYO, April 5 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived here Tuesday for a five-day visit to Japan, a nation which shares his views on the path to peace in the Middle East and is one of Egypt's most important sources of economic aid.

Mubarak, the first Egyptian head of state to officially visit Japan, is to meet Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Wednesday for talks expected to focus on the Middle East.

Accompanied by Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali, Mubarak flew from North Korea, where he stayed for one day following a visit to China.

Both China and North Korea have good relations with Egypt and blame Israeli "aggression" for conflict in the Middle East crisis. Both nations also support the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Japan supported the U.S.-initiated Camp David accord between Egypt and Israel and maintains proper relations with the Jewish state. But like Egypt, it has condemned the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Japan's views also coincide with Egypt's in welcoming peace initiatives set forth at Fez, Morocco by Arab leaders and by U.S. President Ronald Reagan last year.

Japan has called for mutual recognition between Israel and the Arab states and for official involvement by the PLO in peace negotiations.

Foreign Ministry officials said that during

## Moscow warns of Israeli attack on Syria

MOSCOW, April 5 (AP) — An Israeli parliamentarian writing in Pravda Tuesday took up Soviet accusations that Israel is planning to attack Syria amid signs that the Kremlin is seeking a more active role in the Middle East.

The Pravda article by Meir Vilner, head of Rakah, the Israeli Communist Party, appeared as other Soviet media stepped up a government-sanctioned effort to get citizens

Israeli delegate Yehuda Blum called the request "unjustified," saying it implicitly called into question "the competence and integrity of medical teams already looking into the causes of the phenomenon."

U.N. observers interpreted Blum's statement as meaning that Israel would not cooperate with an investigation team appointed by the Security Council.

In a letter to Perez de Cuellar on Monday, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat accused "racist Israeli occupation authorities" of being responsible for the mysterious "poisoning" of hundreds of West Bank schoolgirls since March 20. He said the victims were threatened with "sterilization and death."

Last Thursday, the 21-member U.N. Arab group, at a private meeting, agreed to press for a council meeting in response to a complaint from the PLO that Israel had used a poisonous substance against people in Jenin.

Hassan Abdul Rahman, speaking for the PLO's U.N. observer mission, told reporters then that the PLO wanted an investigation by an impartial medical committee formed by the United Nations.

But at a news conference here Monday, Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's U.N. observer, said the Arabs wanted council action to involve the World Health Organization, the U.N. Children's Fund and the International Committee of the Red Cross. He did not mention an impartial medical committee.

## 2 WHO doctors arrive in Jenin

TEL AVIV, April 5 (AFP) — Two World Health Organization (WHO) experts arrived Tuesday in the West Bank town of Jenin to begin an investigation into the poisonings that has affected hundreds of Palestinian schoolgirls this month, according to Israeli radio.

The radio also reported that the West Bank was relatively calm Tuesday, after several days of protest over the poisonings. The radio added, however, that leaflets calling on Palestinians to "die for the homeland" were found in several West Bank towns.

There were also reports from Washington that U.S. officials doubted an Israeli assertion last week that the affliction was "psychosomatic."

In Geneva Tuesday, officials at the U.N.'s WHO headquarters confirmed the doctors' arrival and said that their experts would join two U.S. doctors.

## Iraqi unit lacked capability to make N-arms -- expert

WASHINGTON, April 5 (R) — The Iraqi nuclear reactor near Baghdad bombed by Israel in 1981 showed no sign that Iraq was trying to develop nuclear weapons there, according to an American physicist.

Israel justified its attack on the grounds that Iraq was working on a nuclear bomb to attack it. But Harvard University physics department chairman Richard Wilson, writing in the March 31 issue of *Nature* magazine, said the "Tammuz 2" facility in Iraq was not suitable for manufacturing enough radioactive plutonium needed for weapons.

Wilson, who visited the damaged reactor and research site in December and January at the invitation of Iraqi scientists, said it would probably take Iraqis another nine years to produce weapons if they wanted to.

"(Israel's) Dimona reactor is ... a good (one) for making bomb grade plutonium but Tammuz 2 is not," he wrote.

The Iraqi facility had been open to international inspection and, provided this continued, Wilson said there was no obvious danger of the Iraqis collecting a significant amount of weapons grade material.

## Zia urged to hold elections

KARACHI, April 5 (AP) — About 10,000 people rallied Monday in the city of Larkana on the fourth anniversary of the execution of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and heard calls for a return to the democratic beliefs held by the late prime minister.

Former Chief of Staff Gen. Tikka Khan challenged the Pakistan military government to hold general elections immediately.

Tikka Khan, who is also the additional secretary-general of the Pakistan People's Party, was the main speaker at the rally, held about 480 kilometers northwest of Karachi.

Tikka Khan, army chief during the Bhutto government, accused the regime of prolonging the military government and delaying general elections to perpetuate what he called "personal rule."

## Morocco sends summit invitations

RABAT, April 5 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco sent special envoys to Arab capitals Tuesday with invitations to heads of state to attend a summit in Morocco in mid-April, a Foreign Ministry official said.

The envoys include Ahmad Guedira and Ahmad Soula, counselors to the king, and Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta, the official said. The precise date of the projected summit was not disclosed.

He said prolongation of military rule was dangerous for the armed forces, who he said will become politicized and less concerned with national security.

"This would be a dangerous development for the country in view of the presence of the Soviet occupation forces in Afghanistan," he said.

None of the Bhutto family members were present. The widow of the former prime minister, Nusrat Bhutto, was in England for medical treatment of suspected lung cancer, and Bhutto's eldest daughter, Benazir Bhutto, is under house arrest.

The crowd dispersed peacefully and police did not intervene.

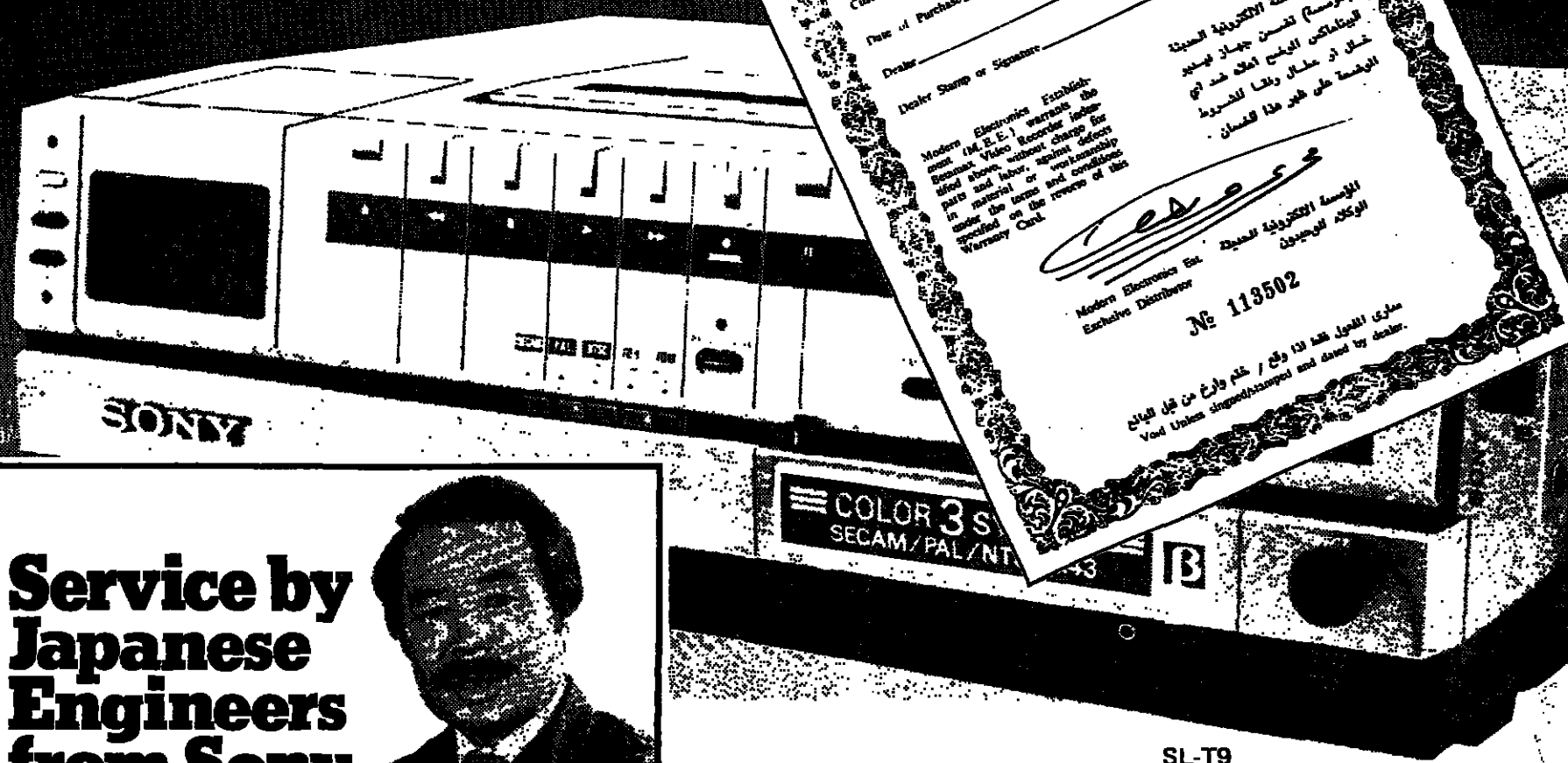
## Iranians blamed for Baghdad blast

BAGHDAD, April 5 (R) — Iranian agents triggered an explosion at a publishing house in Baghdad Tuesday, causing minor damage, an Iraqi Interior Ministry spokesman said.

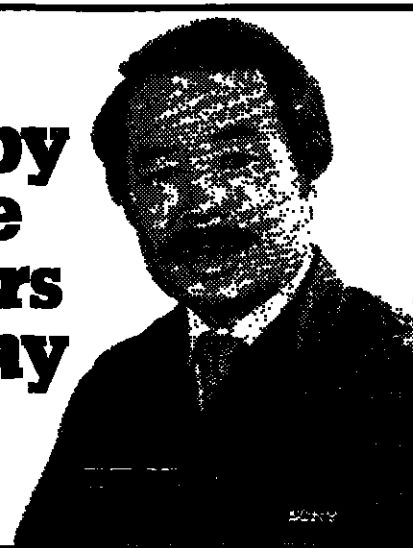
The official Iraqi News Agency quoted the spokesman as accusing "agents of the Iranian regime and their Arab allies" of causing the blast at the Al-Hurriya (Freedom) Publishing House. The statement did not mention casualties.

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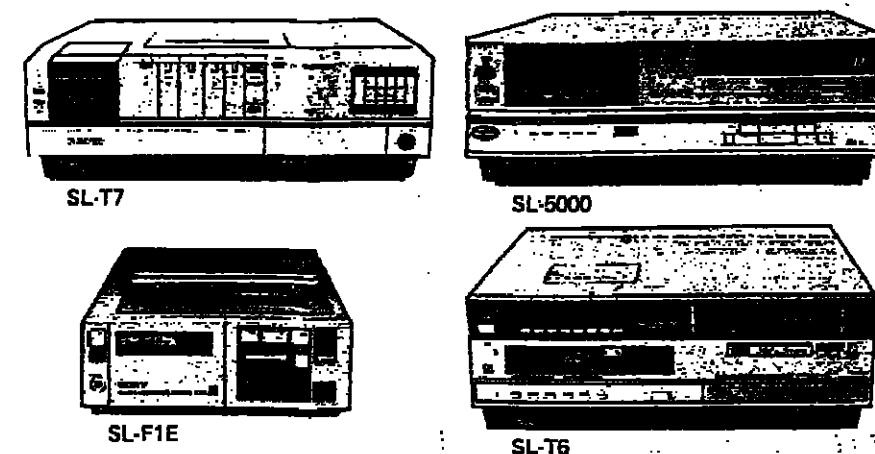
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## U.S. refuses comment on role in Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP) — A U.S. government spokesman once again declined comment Monday on mounting evidence of American involvement in an armed insurgency against Nicaragua's leftist government.

The United States has been asked for the past two weeks whether it is providing undercover support for anti-government rebels, who include former members of the Nicaraguan National Guard of the late dictator Anastasio Somoza.

New allegations surfaced over the weekend that forces fighting the leftist gov-

## Costa Rica aide discusses border

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, April 5 (AP) — Nicaragua and Costa Rica say they have reached a tentative agreement to ease tensions over a territorial dispute.

Costa Rican Foreign Minister Volio Jimenez said at a news conference after a three-hour meeting Monday that he presented Nicaraguan Interior Minister Tomas Borge with proof that Nicaraguan troops have raided Costa Rica.

In turn, Borge said a joint commission would continue studying the problem and promised the raids would not be repeated.

"From that point of view we made some progress," Volio Jimenez said. But he added "we'll have to wait and see if the Nicaraguan promises are kept."

In recent months, Costa Rican officials have protested alleged Nicaraguan harassment of Costa Rican vessels on the San Juan River, which divides the two countries.

"We reached a deadlock and that's dangerous because the question of free navigation of the waterway is the point that causes most tension in our relations," Volio Jimenez said in a television interview shortly after his return to Costa Rica.

The territorial dispute stems from a 1858 treaty that gives Nicaragua sovereignty over the San Juan River but grants Costa Rica the right to freely navigate the waterway.

ernment have been largely armed and trained by the United States. The allegations include statements made to American reporters by some of the insurgents themselves.

Reporters for *The Washington Post*, who said they were allowed to travel with the guerrillas in Nicaragua, said they were shown sophisticated American weaponry, including anti-tank weapons.

Alan Romberg, a State Department spokesman, said: "It has been for many, many years, a standing position of the U.S. government not to comment on alleged intelligence activities and I am not at liberty to vary from that policy."

Asked why he automatically put an intelligence tag on a question on whether the insurgents were correct in saying they had received aid from Washington, Romberg said, "If it were happening, I would presume it to be a covert operation, which by definition is an intelligence activity."

He said he didn't mean to convey the impression that the administration was involved in any efforts to topple the Sandinista government. Reports first surfaced in November of 1981 that the administration had earmarked \$19 million for a covert operation.

However, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said in an AP interview last week that the Central Intelligence Agency has reported behind closed doors on actions in Nicaragua "which we cannot see in compliance with the law."

He said Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger should be called before Congress to testify on whether U.S. actions are in compliance with the law.

The law approved last year bans U.S. financing for any effort to topple the Sandinista government by force. CIA officials are said to have testified that the U.S. effort in Nicaragua is for limited objectives, such as stopping the smuggling of arms to leftist insurgents in El Salvador.

Romberg said he expects congressional intelligence committees may investigate.

## Zimbabwe's elite brigade shows its 'friendly side'

GWELUTSHENA, Western Zimbabwe, April 5 (AFP) — The Zimbabwe Army's Fifth Brigade is taking on a new role: that of friend and protector of the rural peasants of this area of northern Matabeleland.

It is an about face for the elite Fifth Brigade, currently dreaded here for its brutal methods during its drive since mid-January to end the anti-government dissident problem. The unit is blamed by church groups and international aid organizations for the deaths of more than 1,000 civilians throughout the Matabeleland north province, including the Nkayi district here.

Sunday's killings of white Sen. Paul Savage, his daughter and a British visitor took place near Gwanda in Matabeleland south, a province which the army had earlier said was under its control. Now the Fifth Brigade is settling in this Matabeleland north area as an occupier and wants to be seen as a positive force in the community.

"We are now here to be friendly with the people, to protect them," said a lieutenant commander of the Fifth Brigade touring the area during the holiday weekend with government ministers speaking at political rallies. "Oh, things were a bit rough at first, but

we have cleaned out from the area dissidents and their hard-core... Now we hope by showing our friendly side people will aid us, not the dissidents. We will show them we can bring safety, the dissidents can only bring trouble."

The outgoing, talkative officer was a good example of the new image. He mixed among the crowd, speaking simple Ndebele and joking with the people. He said that he and some of his men occasionally took meals with the local people, overcoming ethnic differences.

The Fifth Brigade is almost entirely made up of Shona-speaking supporters of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ruling party while the people are part of the country's Ndebele-speaking minority who largely follow the opposition party of Joshua Nkomo, now in London.

Government ministers Enos Nkala and Emmerson Munangagwa wound up the three-day holiday tour through the Nkayi district Sunday, saying they are encouraged that the peasants will now support the government instead of the dissidents, who are militant extremists from Nkomo's party.

The crowds of a few thousand at each of the 11 rallies did seem to support the government as they cheered and clapped at the

announcements of the end of the strict military dusk-to-dawn curfew and the resumption of food supplies and bus services to the drought-parched area.

But the Fifth Brigade and other military

## Nkomo attacks killing of whites

LONDON, April 5 (AFP) — Zimbabwean opposition leader Joshua Nkomo condemned the murder of a white senator, his daughter and a visiting friend in Zimbabwe's province of Matabeleland Sunday night.

But in a comment published in the Tuesday edition of *The Times* newspaper, Nkomo, who fled Zimbabwe last month, refused to ascribe the murder of Sen. Paul Savage, 70, his daughter Colleen, 20, and the British friend to anti-government dissidents.

"It could be dissidents or it could be someone else," he told the newspaper, adding: "whoever is responsible has nothing to do with me or with ZAPU (Nkomo's political party)."

## IRA regrets wrong murder

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 5 (AP) — The outlawed Irish Republican Army admitted Monday night it mistakenly killed a 45-year-old Protestant factory worker in his home and promised a full investigation of what went wrong.

In a statement issued here, the IRA said it regretted the killing of James McCormack and offered sympathy to his family. Inspector Jim Craig, a police spokesman, said two gunmen shot McCormack as he watched television early Monday in his house in Bangor, west of Belfast. His wife, Margaret, who was shot in the legs, was reported in satisfactory condition Monday night.

Craig said detectives believe the killers mistook McCormack for an off-duty member of the security forces. Several police officers are believed to live near his home. Craig said McCormack had no connection with the security forces, but until two years ago worked as a uniformed security attendant at Belfast's Queen's University.

In another incident, police reported that a Roman Catholic beaten by gang of youths died of his injuries.

The IRA warned Saturday it will escalate attacks against security forces. Police warned Friday that the guerrillas were planning bombings and assassinations.

The outlawed Provos are fighting to push the British out of Protestant-dominated

units will remain in the district to ensure that the anti-government rebels do not filter back into the area and resume their sabotage acts.

Although their manner is friendly now, their presence is a threat of more trouble to the local people if dissident activity should reappear. Nkayi was a center of such activity with many killings, robberies and the destruction of great deal of expensive government construction equipment. The area similarly was hard hit by the Fifth Brigade's anti-dissident sweeps: many reports of widespread, random killings came from the district.

Minister of State for Security Emmerson Munangagwa explained the nature of the army to the people, likening it to fire. "Fire can be very helpful to the people. It can be used to cook, to give light and keep you warm. But if you misuse it, fire will spread and burn everything. The army is the same way: it can be helpful, it can protect, build dams, and build schools. But if the people don't give the army respect, then it can spread like fire against everyone."

Munangagwa unequivocally warned the people that the government forces could get tough again, if dissident violence again strikes in the Nkayi district, indicating support from the people.

Northern Ireland. They seek to reunite it with the Catholic Irish Republic to end nearly 62 years of partition.

The slaying raised the known death toll from nearly 13 years of sectarian and political bloodshed to at least 2,286, 17 of them this year.

Meanwhile, two delegates at the opposition Labor Party's youth wing conference at Bridlington, England, Monday called for the murder of British troops in Northern Ireland to speed up the "struggle against imperialism."

But resolutions calling for solidarity with nationalist IRA guerrillas fighting to end British rule in the strife-torn province were overwhelmingly defeated.

Neil James, one of the leftist delegates, called for "the death of British troops" to support the nationalist movement in Ireland. Another delegate, left-winger Richard Emmett from Lancashire in northern England, called for "solidarity with Irish Republicans fighting for a united Irish Republic."

But Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has repeatedly stressed the British will not pull out of the province unless the majority of its 1.5 million population want it. The province's pro-British, million-strong Protestant majority outnumbers the Catholic nationalists by 2-1.

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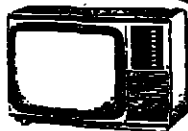
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'Will harm relations with U.S.'

# China protests asylum for player

PEKING, April 5 (AP) — China strongly protested a U.S. decision granting political asylum to Chinese tennis star Hu Na on Monday and called it "a grave incident" that will harm Sino-American relations.

The protest was issued in a statement by a Chinese Embassy spokesman in Washington and reported by the official Xinhua news agency here.

"There simply does not exist any question of political persecution against her," the statement said. "The U.S. government has no grounds whatsoever to take this course of action."

The statement said the United States granted the tennis player asylum "in disregard of the Chinese side's repeated representations and statements."

"This is a grave incident harming relations

between the two countries and will certainly affect bilateral exchanges, and it is the U.S. government alone which must be held fully responsible for the consequences."

A spokesman for the tennis association here said the decision "will definitely affect the cultural and sports exchanges between the two countries." The information department of the Foreign Ministry had no immediate comment.

The decision, granting political asylum, which was announced in Washington Monday, turned aside appeals from China and cut off 8½ months of diplomatic wrangling within the State Department over the foreign policy implications.

The Chinese, who have been more vocal in this case than in any other defection, have demanded Miss Hu's return since July 20,

when she slipped away from the 32-nation federation cup tournament in Santa Clara, California. She has said she acted after refusing to join the Communist Party and after receiving a threatening letter from a high Chinese official.

Miss Hu said in a statement released by her attorneys that she is "very happy and relieved" to learn of the decision. "I want to thank the American people and the American government for letting me remain in this country," she said.

The Chinese had said the "innocent" teen-ager was lured into defecting, and denied she was under pressure to join the Communist Party. The Chinese also threatened to cut back on cultural exchanges if Miss Hu were granted asylum.

It added, "all donors may be sure that their aid, so welcome at this time, only benefits and will continue to benefit those who truly need it."

Carlos Ismael Meza, a retired army lieutenant working with the civil defense agency in Popayan, 235 miles southwest of Bogota, was asked about the medical supplies and he said military authorities feared they would fall into the hands of leftist guerrillas.

U.S. Air Force planes delivered 6,000 tents and 25 tons of medicine and hospital equipment to Colombia last Friday. 24 hours after the quake devastated the southern city of 200,000 residents, killing at least 240 persons, injuring hundreds and leaving three-quarters of the population homeless.

The Red Cross has seen none of the medical aid, and the army has said nothing about delivering it to the Red Cross, a spokesman for Carlos Martinez, director of emergency relief for the agency, told the AP.

He also said the army had delivered to the Red Cross only two dozen of the 6,000 tents.

Col. Jose Garzon, director of public relations for the Defense Ministry, was not in his office and did not return a telephone call from the Associated Press.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Popayan, Silverio Buitrago, told reporters Sunday that tents meant for quake relief victims are being sold for as much as \$400. Dozens of refugees told an AP reporter earlier that individuals offered the tents for sale for up to \$100.

# Haitians sail into Miami

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, April 5 (AP) — A sailboat carrying 29 Haitians was escorted to port Monday by a U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat and the passengers were turned over to immigration officials, authorities said.

Some of the Haitians told Coast Guard officials that the boat had been at sea for two weeks and that the passengers had gone a week without food or water, Coast Guard spokesman Mike Kelley said.

The 20-foot handmade wooden sailboat was spotted taking on water about 100 yards off Dania Beach, a patrol boat was dispatched in Fort Lauderdale, and a party boarded the vessel, officials said.

After the boat docked in Fort Lauderdale, the 21 men, five women and three children were taken to a processing center near Miami, said Beverly McFarland, spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

She said the group would receive medical checkups and treatment if necessary. Each person will be interviewed "about who they are, how they got here and details of their trip," she added.

"We have not yet determined where they came from," Ms. McFarland said. "There are three places the boat could have come from: The Bahamas, Cuba or Haiti. We really don't know yet which of the places the boat came from."

RANGOON (AP) — Government troops killed 285 rebels and lost 99 of their own in a dry season offensive Jan. 1-April 4 against Burma's welter of insurgent groups, the state radio announced Monday. The radio said that in 345 clashes, including 25 major engagements, 24 rebels were also captured and quantities of supplies and weapons seized. Thirty-six insurgents surrendered. The government suffered 388 wounded in addition to the dead.

JAKARTA (R) — About half of 230 wild elephants forcibly moved from South Sumatra forests to make way for a new settlement have broken through an electrified fence and started trekking home, the Kompas newspaper reported. The elephants destroyed migrants' crops as they foraged across the Air Sugihan area, the paper said. In November last year, an army of soldiers, conservationists and migrants, helped by helicopters and hordes of chainsaw operators forced the

In Bolivia

# French mercenary held

LA PAZ, April 5 (AP) — French mercenary Jacques Leclerc is under arrest here, accused of membership in a right-wing paramilitary group that terrorized Bolivia for the military regime and had ties to Klaus Barbie and the illegal cocaine trade, Interior Minister Mario Roncal Antezana said.

Roncal told the Associated Press Monday that Leclerc, also known as "Napoleon," is being held "for his involvement with a group of mercenaries and paramilitary personnel hired by the government of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza."

"We are also investigating his links to the drug trade and Klaus Barbie, and we have strong suspicions that he was involved in a murder," Roncal added.

The arrest appears to be part of a campaign by the government to bring to justice more than 1,000 paramilitary personnel who during the 13 months that Garcia Meza was president in 1980-81 terrorized the country by bombing homes, torturing political prisoners and killing opponents of the regime.

Barbie, the Nazi war criminal, who found a haven in Bolivia in the 1970s under the protection of the military government, was turned over to France in February for trial after the inauguration of President Hernan Siles Zuazo's civilian government.

Roncal said Leclerc was a member of a paramilitary group headed by Joachim Fiebelkorn, a neo-Nazi arrested in Brazil in 1981 with other members of the group. They were carrying Nazi literature, weapons and

cocaine, according to Brazilian police sources.

French diplomatic sources told the Associated Press they have evidence that Leclerc fought in the Algerian War and that in 1979 he was arrested in Santa Cruz, Bolivia's second largest city, with 15.4 pounds of cocaine paste. These sources said he was recruited for Fiebelkorn's group on his release from jail.

Narcotics investigators say Fiebelkorn's group initially was employed to protect Roberto Suarez, allegedly one of the biggest cocaine dealers in South America.

Interior Subsecretary Gustavo Sanchez said the government has evidence that Leclerc was also linked to Italian terrorist Pier Luigi Pagliari.

# Gromyko irks Japan

TOKYO, April 5 (AFP) — Japan will soon file a strong protest with the Soviet Union on remarks made by the Soviet first deputy prime minister, Andrei Gromyko, describing Okinawa as a major nuclear base, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said.

The prime minister said Monday, he was "extremely disappointed" by Gromyko's "lack of factual reception," and his remarks made him feel "unpleasant." Gromyko said at a news conference in Moscow Saturday that the Soviet Union had the right to relocate SS-20 missiles from targets in Europe to Asia because his country was encircled by nuclear bases, including one in Okinawa.

# BRIEFS

elephants to move 50 kilometers into a new wildlife preserve in South Sumatra. The elephants' walk, believed to be the first of its kind in the world, took more than 40 days to complete at a total cost of \$300,000. Foraging elephants were also reported destroying thousands of young palm trees in several plantations in North Sumatra, the Antara news agency said.

NEW YORK (AP) — A 3,000-pound, 84-foot gorilla balloon was hoisted up to the Empire State Building's mooring mast Monday as part of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the film *King Kong*. When the original King Kong climbed the Empire State building, it took a matter of minutes. It took the inflatable version much of the day.

BELGRADE (AFP) — Six girls have been dismissed from a secondary school in the Yugoslav town of Ivograd for forming a group advocating "fascist and royalist principles," the Belgrade daily *Politika* said. They

were reportedly guilty of "exalting crimes committed by the Nazis and Chetniks" — Serbian royalists. The daily said they were also preparing membership cards for members of the group. The report followed an incident last week in Sobotica, north of Belgrade, where two youths were sentenced to 60 days in prison for "glorifying Hitler" in public.

TOKYO (AFP) — In a find that could give a clue to the origins of the Japanese, an archaeologist here said the fossilized bones of an infant believed to have been born 20,000 years ago had been unearthed. Hajime Sakurai, senior researcher at the National Museum, said 50 pieces of human bones, found in a cave on Kumejima, one of the Okinawa Islands, were believed to be those of a child about a year old. He said it was the first time fossilized bones of a Stone Age child were unearthed in Japan.

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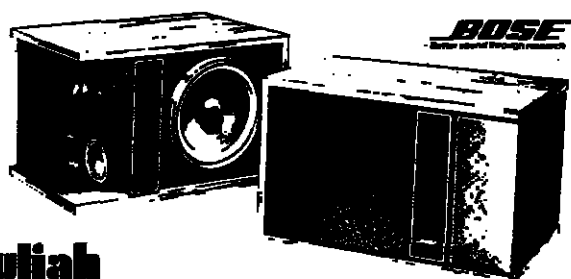
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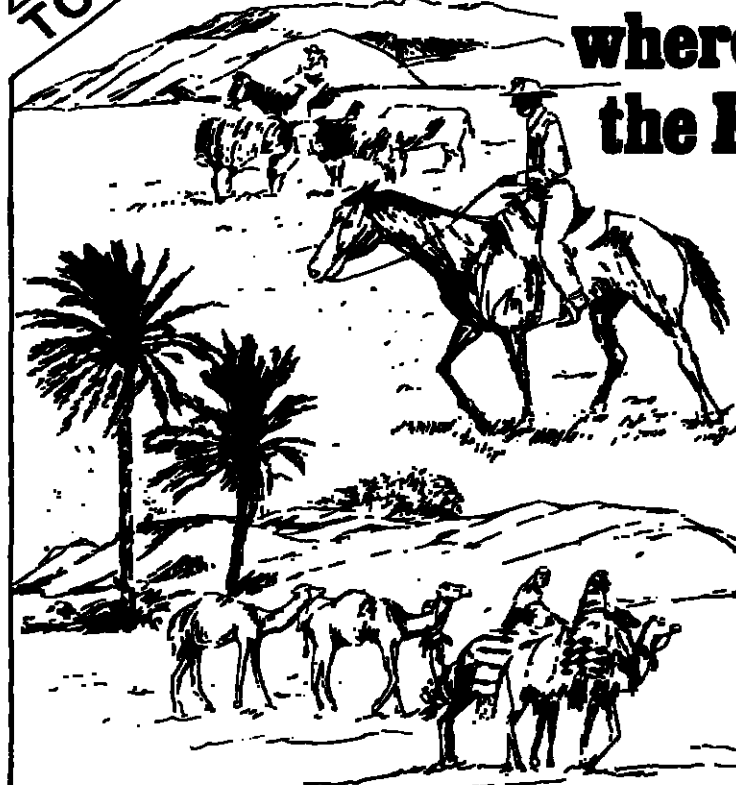
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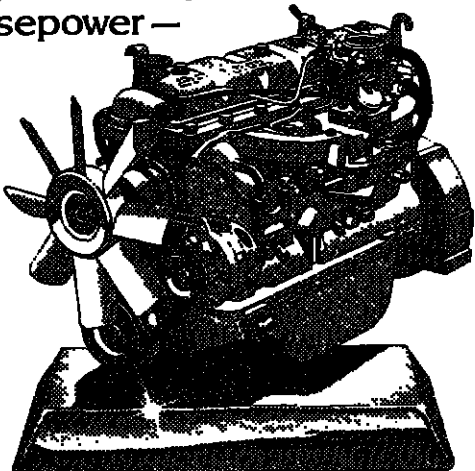
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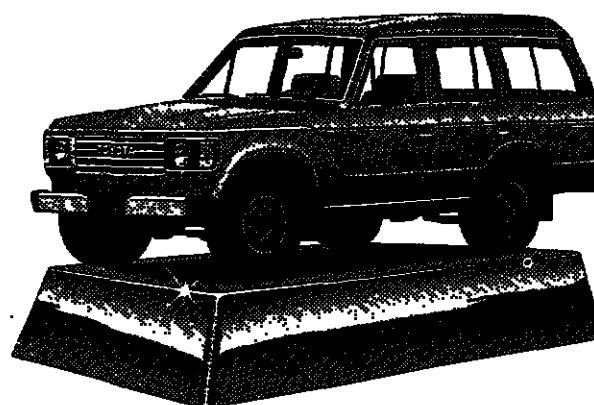
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## Major Baseball League

## Reds brave the best in season's first test

NEW YORK, April 5 (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds, the worst of the West in 1982, knocked off the Atlanta Braves, the division's best a year ago, 5-4 Monday in the National League's opener to the 1983 Major League Baseball season.

Eddie Milner's two-out single and stolen base and Dave Concepcion's single off reliever Steve Bedrosian broke a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the eighth inning. Winner Mario Soto allowed five hits and four runs in eight innings. Tom Hume picked up the save.

In the only other afternoon game, the American League opener, George Brett's two-run homer and solo shot by Willie Aikens and Jerry Martin powered the Kansas City Royals past the Baltimore Orioles 7-2. The game in Cincinnati, the traditional opening day site in the NL, drew 42,892 fans in superb baseball weather. It was the first time in 112 years at Riverfront Stadium that the Reds' opener has not been a sellout.

The Braves, who set a big-league record last year by winning their first 13 games, got a run in the first inning on Claudi Washington's sacrifice fly and two in the second on Chris Chambliss' homer.

The Reds got two back in the bottom of the second on Ron Oest's homer. Atlanta made it 4-2 in the sixth when solo batted Glenn Hubbard home, and Cincinnati tied it in the bottom of the sixth on rookie Gary Redus' homer, Concepcion's walk and stolen base and Johnny Bench's single.

In Baltimore, Brett doubled and later scored in the first inning and homered in the third off Dennis Martinez. Aikens hit his homer in the sixth and Martin in the eighth. The Royals also scored two unearned runs in the seventh following a two-out fielding error by shortstop Cal Ripken Jr.

Baltimore's run came on Ripken's double in the first and Eddie Murray's single in the sixth. The game attracted a sellout crowd of 51,189, the second-largest regular-season

turnout in Baltimore history, surpassed only by last year's opening-day crowd of 51,196. Mike Richardt and Larry Parrish hit solo home runs to boost Texas to a 5-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox, a successful debut for Rangers manager Doug Rader.

Richardt hit his homer off Lumar Hoyt in the sixth inning and Parrish drilled a 400-foot shot into the centerfield stands in the seventh. John Butch tricked up the victory in relief of Texas starter Mike Smithson, who lasted six innings. The game attracted a paid crowd of only 13,140.

In Oakland, Andre Thornton hit a three-run homer on his first swing of the season and the Cleveland Indians gave their new manager, Mike Ferraro, an 8-5 victory, routing Steve Boros' major-league managerial debut with the A's. Toby Harrah led the Indians' 15 hit attack with four and Rick Manning and Ron Hassey added three apiece.

## Lawman's wit costs Colon kit

BUENOS AIRES, April 5 (AFP) — A bailiff appeared in the changing rooms and demanded the kit of Argentine football team Colon at half-time in a Second-Division away game at Atlanta on Sunday.

The legal agent wanted the Colon players' shorts and boots as part settlement of an unpaid debt. He had been unable to gain access to the Colon ground just outside Buenos Aires.

Only coach Carlos Hurtado distracted the man's attention long enough for the team to dodge out of the room and back onto the pitch. The bailiff waited until the end of the game and collected the dirty kit as the players came off the pitch after the final whistle. Atlanta won 2-0.

## It will be no gentle task for Gentile

LONDON, April 5 (R) — Like the queue-jumper who elbows his way onto a packed bus only to find there is an empty one right behind, Zbigniew Boniek may end up wishing he had waited just a little longer.

The 27-year-old sharpshooter will be in the Juventus lineup which faces his Polish compatriots and former teammates in Widzew Lodz in the first-leg semifinal of the European Soccer Cup in Turin Wednesday night. If Widzew "get a result" — a draw or one-goal defeat — they will be regarded as favorites to meet either Hamburg of West Germany or Spanish champions Real Sociedad in the final in Athens on May 25.

And that would leave Boniek, who joined Juventus from Widzew in the summer, not knowing whether to laugh or to cry. At the time, no-one questioned Boniek's decision to leave unfashionable Widzew. For although Juventus boasted six of the Italian World Cup winning side and had enticed the elegant Frenchman Michel Platini from St. Etienne, there appeared to be plenty of room onboard for one of the world's most explosive marksmen.

One glance at the new-look team-sheet was enough to convince Juventus fans that manager Giovanni Trapattoni was the greatest architect since Michelangelo. In reality, however, Trapattoni's creation has borne little resemblance to the original concept. Paolo Rossi and company have seldom reproduced their World Cup form, while the flame-haired Boniek has failed to set Italy alight.

The league championship, which was regarded as a foregone conclusion at the start of the campaign, will almost certainly go to Roma although Juventus have reached the quarterfinals of the Italian Cup. But the

domestic Cup does not enjoy the same prestige as in other European nations and Juventus' reputation will be at stake against Widzew.

The Poles, of course, will not treat the Italian champions lightly. Juventus have kept their best for the European Cup and in the last round they helped end England's six-year grip on the trophy when they crushed holders Aston Villa 5-2 on aggregate.

However, although Widzew have lost Boniek they still have Wlodzimierz Smolarek, the inspiration behind their shock 4-3 win over three-time champions Liverpool of England in the quarterfinals. But Smolarek can expect to come under the "scrutiny of that one-man demolition outfit,

## European Soccer

Claudio Gentile. The outcome of the tie may well depend on their personal duel.

The other semifinal is no less intriguing and Hamburg will face an ordeal by against Real Sociedad in Spain. The Basque fans are among the most vociferous in Europe and they will be even more enthusiastic following Saturday's shock 1-0 win over Barcelona.

Sociedad may lack the big-names of Real Madrid and Barcelona but they have been Spanish champions for the past two years and are never an easy proposition on home territory. Hamburg, runners-up to England's Nottingham Forest in 1980, can find no room for Danish international striker Lars Bastrup, who scored a hat-trick against Dynamo Kiev in the Soviet Union in the last round. Bastrup, who replaced the injured Jurgen Milewski in Tbilisi, will be substitutes.

Hamburg's Austrian coach Ernst Happel watched Real defeat Barcelona and said he



SLIPS: Tottenham's striker Mark Falco slips while making a bid to reach a high center as two Arsenal defenders, David O'Leary (left) and Stewart Robson zero in on the ball. The Spurs thrashed the Gunners 5-0 in the English Soccer First Division League action Monday.

## World Cup Soccer

## FIFA warns Mexico

ZURICH, April 5 (Agencies) — The General secretary of the International Football Federation (FIFA), Joseph Blatter, Tuesday warned Mexico against thinking the 1986 World Cup finals were "in the bag."

FIFA's special committee appeared to kill off the bids of Canada and the U.S. last week when it said it would pursue only the Mexican application. But Blatter said the executive committee, which meets in Stockholm on May 20, could conceivably reject all three American applications and added the stage would then revert to Europe.

The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) asked the special committee to reverse its decision to visit only Mexico but Blatter said FIFA would not enter into any

discussions. Blatter added he would give the U.S. and Canada detailed reasons why the committee, of which he was a member, decided their applications did not conform with FIFA's specific requirements.

Blatter together with two West Germans, vice-president Hermann Neuberg and committee member Horst Schmidt, will arrive in Mexico on April 11 for a seven-day visit to survey facilities available. The three-man team will inspect possible stadiums as well as accommodation and communication facilities.

The Mexican Football Federation has issued an official list of the capacities of the country's major stadiums, in order to correct what they call inaccuracies appearing in certain European newspapers.

The list shows that in the three major venues, only four stadiums can hold 50,000 or more spectators and that two of those, the Aztec Stadium and the Universitario Stadium, are in Mexico City itself. Tehuacan Stadium in Guadalajara can accommodate 72,000 and the Universitario Stadium in Monterrey 50,000.

Meanwhile Canadian Soccer Association President Jim Fleming said in Toronto that he was not optimistic that Canada's request to FIFA to reconsider their decision would be seriously considered.

"You can't be particularly optimistic if you're going to be realistic about it," Fleming said. "Hopefully, we'll get some reaction to our response in a few days. Depending on what FIFA's reaction is, we'll decide if we should continue on, or just scrap our bid. There comes a point where you have to decide if you're just wasting your time."

He said the CSA is meeting in Ottawa at the end of the week and a decision should be made on whether Canada should withdraw its bid to hold the World Cup.

## Shergar still missing

DUBLIN, April 5 (R) — The kidnapped champion racehorse Shergar failed to appear Tuesday after weekend calls claiming a ransom had been paid and that he would be released this morning.

Police posted an extra guard on the Aga Khan's Ballymarnagh Stud, west of Dublin, from where the 10 million sterling (\$15 million) horse was snatched on Feb. 8, but said they were skeptical about the calls.

An anonymous caller on Friday, April 5, threatened to leave Shergar's head at Dublin's Phoenix Park Racecourse unless a 1.5 million pound (\$2.2 million) ransom was paid by the following morning.

The next day a caller, believed to be the same man, told Irish radio the ransom had been paid and that the horse, winner of the English and Irish Derbys, would be released Tuesday. The man leading the hunt for Shergar, Chief Superintendent James Murphy, said: "We cannot take anything for granted, but it seems a bit ridiculous that a ransom would be paid over in the middle of the night with just a promise to release the horse at an unidentified place."

## BRIEFS

BONN (R) — Borussia Dortmund, shock victims of a 5-0 semifinal cup Hammering Monday by Second Division Fortuna Cologne, said Tuesday they had sacked trainer Kal-Henrich Feldkamp.

LONDON (AFP) — Jimmy Bloomfield, whose professional football career as both player and manager spanned 29 years, has died at his London home. He was 48.

CANNES, France (AFP) — France won the Cannes International Junior Football tournament when they beat Italy 3-1 on penalties after the score was level 1-1 at the end of full time.

THRUXTON, England (AFP) — Monday's second leg of the European Formula Two Championship here was practically a repeat of the first at Silverstone on March 20. Beppe Gabbiani of Italy was first in a March-BMW 832, followed by New Zealand's Mike Thackwell in a Ralt-Honda RH6. Third was Jonathan Palmer of Britain in a Ralt.

LEGORRETA, Spain (AFP) — Guido Bontempi of Italy won Monday's first stage of the Tour of the Basque Country Cycling Race.

SWANSEA (AFP) — The Barbarians Rugby Union selection suffered the worst defeat when they lost 58-6 to Swansea at the Saint Helens ground here Monday. The Welsh club were leading 19-6 at half-time.

LONDON (AFP) — John Francoise will not ride the favorite Gritter in Saturday's Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree. The joint-champion jockey phoned Gritter's owner-trainer Frank Gilman Monday evening to announce he would not be fit to take the mount.

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Raytheon R&R	W	L	Pts.
Pan Am	23	4	.852
Corp of Eng'r	17	8	.680
	16	11	.593

Whittaker sweeps Raytheon R&R off feet

JEDDAH April 5 — The Jeddah Softball League saw the two league leaders in the "B" Division receive a kick in the pants, a singular hello followed by relegation to the losers column.

Whittaker stepped all over Raytheon R&R as they played near flawless softball to pound their opponents into a submissive 7-4 defeat. Whittaker managed to hand R&R one of only four losses of the year thus far. Whittaker is now head hunting and many of the teams in their league may be happy that they started so late in the season so as to keep them out of the playoffs.

In the other league of the "B" Division, the leading Raytheon ADI team lost to Parsons Daniel, of all teams, by a score of 8-7. It appears that Parsons Daniel stopped trick or treating long enough to get really serious.

Other "B" level play saw Sogex absolutely maul MOPCI, 7-0, by way of a forfeit. However, that is nothing compared to what "Oklahoma" Jim Williams and Sogex did to PCS. It was frightening to witness such a display of animalistic enthusiasm and drive as they mutilated poor PCS, 7-0, also on a forfeit. But, they had to stop pretending and play for real against Raytheon R&R, who took them out of their dream world long enough to buy them tickets back to the land of Nod, 19-4. Later, Lockheed I received the same gift from MOPCI, 7-0, on a forfeit as they registered their best week in several months. They won one on forfeit, lost none.

Jerry Durbin, George Leddy and crew had a perfect week as they let the air out of KAI-A's wheels, 17-3. They also picked up a forfeit from Bendix, as the Bendix squad were pre-occupied with maintaining their position

How they stand			
ICAO	W	L	Pts.
Sogex	13	10	.565
Whittaker	14	14	.500
MOPCI	8	19	.296
	3	22	.120

OASIS LEAGUE			
Raytheon ADI	W	L	Pts.
Mobil	18	8	.692
Parsons Daniel	17	10	.630
	16	12	.571

Lockheed II			
KAI-A	W	L	Pts.
PCS	10	17	.370
DATA	7	23	.233
Bendix	4	24	.143

Blue Angels			
Safeway Truly Fine	W	L	Pts.
Hyatt Touch of Class	22	7	.759
Corp of Eng'r (W)	17	10	.630
Mobil (W)	10	16	.385
Whittaker (W)	10	17	.370
	1	26	.037

the winners of the "Fortitude Trophy". Whittaker (W), and managed to squeeze out a 7-2 victory. Dave Gunter and Terry Wertman were seen to be whispering at the top of their voice, urging on their Safeway representatives.

Next, Hyatt Touch of Class, still "very bouncy" following their win over the Blue Angels, returned to down Mobil (W), 12-8. Following too close behind, but loving it, the Blue Angels beat their "numero uno" rivals, Safeway, 3-2, in one heck of a game. Excellent defensive plays, due to very quick hands on both teams, were primarily responsible for the low score. Next, Safeway proceeded down the path of softballdom to meet the Tigers from Whittaker (W) again, this time however, they were better able to handle them as they ran to a 14-2 victory.

Finally, in a very crucial game for fourth place and a playoff berth, the Corp of Engineers (W) team "woke it all up" in a big way as they turned down the sheets for Mobil (W), 9-2. The Corp (W) team now moves back into the coveted fourth position.

Special note: the scheduled meeting of all coaches has been moved to Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the recreation center of the compound where current softball commissioner, John Church, presides.

In conclusion, Paul Clegg, Jim Faulkner, Bill Vaughn, Glenn Groom, Graham Edwards, Bipin Patel, Gerda Throckmole, Sam Spade, Benny and Lavel Love-handle. Previously unnamed, unmentioned and literally unrecognized, but best of all, they all wondered why. Wonder no more, go buy another paper and sent it home. More next week.

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As Charles earns 'em NCAA pennant with a second to go

## Wolfpack's dream comes true

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, April 5 (AP) — Lorenzo Charles' dunk shot with one second remaining fulfilled North Carolina State's impossible dream Monday night, giving the Wolfpack a 54-52 victory over top-ranked Houston for the NCAA Basketball Championship.

Charles, a 6-foot-7 (1.9m) sophomore, grabbed a 30-foot (9 m) shot by Derek Whittenburg with four seconds remaining that fell short, and stuffed it home.

The Wolfpack, champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), became the first team to win the U.S. National title in a season in which it lost 10 games. The old mark was nine, by Indiana in 1981. North Carolina State had taken time out with 44 seconds

Once again it was a pulsating comeback for the Wolfpack, something that has marked most of their games in postseason play. The 16th-ranked Wolfpack, coached by Jim Valvano, came from behind in the Atlantic Coast Conference to beat Wake Forest, defending national champion North Carolina in overtime and Virginia.

They did the same in the NCAA playoffs. They rallied to beat Pepperdine in overtime, came from behind to defeat Nevada-Las Vegas, Utah and Virginia and then held on to knock off Georgia. "He (Whittenburg) took a dream shot. He had not played up to his potential, but he made the biggest shot of his life," Valvano said.

Said Whittenburg: "That play was

dunk shot.

North Carolina State led Houston by 10 points late in the first half and was in front 33-25 at the intermission. But in the second half, Houston ripped off a 17-2 spurt behind 7-foot Akem Abdul Olajuwon's eight points and five by Benny Anders. That gave the Cougars a 42-35 lead, their biggest advantage.

Then the Wolfpack's outside shooting game came alive, with Whittenburg, Gannon and Sidney Lowe all connecting from more than 20 feet out. Still, Clyde Drexler's two free throws with 3:19 remaining had the Cougars up 52-46. Then, Lowe hit a 22-footer. Houston's Michael Young missed the front end of a one-and-one with 2:55 to go.

"We talked all year about being in a position to win," said Valvano, a national champ in his third season as the Wolfpack's coach. "If you're in a position to win, you can win by putting them on the foul line."

That was the key in the late stages. Houston couldn't make its foul shots and N.C. State capitalized. Whittenburg, a 6-1 senior who missed 14 games during the season with a foot injury, drilled in two straight jumpers from close range to finally tie the score with 1:59 remaining.

Houston, bidding to become the first Southwest Conference team ever to win the national title, had an opportunity to go ahead. But freshman guard Alvin Franklin missed the first of a one-and-three and North Carolina state took over.

Valvano then called a time out with 44 seconds remaining, setting the stage for one of the greatest upsets in college basketball history. Benny Anders, a hero off the bench in the Cougars' semifinal victory, barely missed a steal with less than 10 seconds remaining. Whittenburg controlled the ball, spun around and let fly the shot which led to Charles' winning stuff.

The triumph denied the national championship for Houston coach Guy Lewis, who had his team in the final four for the fourth time in his 27 years at the Texas school.

other seeded players did have close shaves.

Zina Garrison, seeded ninth, had to draw on all her reserves to outlast Kathy Horvath 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, while Hungarian Andrea Temesvari, No. 12, won the protracted struggle with American Betsy Nagelsen 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In other actions, No. 11 Bonnie Gabusek defeated Andrea Leand 6-4, 6-0, No. 14 Claudia Kohde defeated Marcella Mesker, 6-3, 6-4, Evonne Goolagong, beginning another comeback, defeated Jenny Klitch 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, and Kerry Melville Reid beat Iva Budarova 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Temesvari had her service broken and fell behind 3-2 in the third set. But Nagelsen lost her concentration when an apparent ace was ruled out and lost her serve in the next game, handing control back to Temesvari.

Garrison, ranked 13th internationally, waged a long battle with Horvath, as the two traded baseline shots throughout their clash. Garrison continually let seemingly comfortable leads nearly slip away.

"Everytime I went up I went back to my same old game," Garrison said. "I'd stay back and get in rallies with her and she'd catch up."

Second seed Andrea Jaeger sees her first action Tuesday against Reid, while No. 4 Bettina Bunge faces Helena Sukova. Seventh seed Barbara Potter will meet Wendy White and No. 10 Kathy Rinaldi takes on Sue Barker.

Top seed Martina Navratilova, the defending champion, and No. 3 seed Tracy Austin begin play Wednesday.



Wadkins... season's first triumph  
How they finished

Lanny Wadkins	72-69-67-61-275
Craig Stadler	71-70-67-72-280
Denis Watson	69-72-61-72-280
Tommy Nakajima	74-70-66-71-281
Bobby Clampett	72-6-69-72-282
Nick Faldo	71-71-71-70-283
Phil Hancock	73-68-70-73-284
Bob Eastwood	70-69-73-72-284
Peter Costello	73-73-66-72-284
Miller Barber	73-69-74-69-285

## Jahangir Khan off to fine start

DERBY, England, April 5 (AP) — Defending champion Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, Monday eased into the second round of the British Open Squash Championships, dropping only 11 points against England No. 8 Steve Bateman.

Khan, undefeated since he lost to Australia's Geoff Hunt in the final of this event two years ago, secured his place in the last 32 with a 9-3, 9-5, 9-3 victory.

Britain's Gawain Briers, seeded No. 8 and due to meet 19-year-old Khan in the quarter-finals, gave himself a 25th birthday present by beating New Zealander Craig Blackwood 9-6, 9-4, 9-3.

The first upset of the tournament was provided by another Briton, 19-year-old Canadian-born Jamie Hickox, who pulled off the best win of his career by beating the world No. 12 Ahmed Safwat of Egypt, 9-7, 1-9, 9-6, 9-4. Safwat, 35, is currently based in West Germany and holds the world over-35 title.

## Spinks pleads guilty

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, April 5 (AP) — World light-heavyweight champion Michael Spinks, originally arrested Jan. 5 on a traffic charge, pleaded guilty Monday to illegally carrying a firearm without a license on a public street.

Accompanied by his manager and lawyer, Spinks, 26, appeared in the City Hall courtroom of municipal court judge Francis McGrover, wearing a double-breasted black tuxedo.

Assistant district attorney Odell Guyton told the judge that he and defense lawyer James Binns, who is also chairman of the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission, had negotiated a suggested sentence in exchange for the guilty plea — a fine of \$1,700 plus \$70 in court costs.

Meanwhile, in Bangkok, Thailand won nine bouts and lost six while the tough South Koreans took four and dropped one in quarterfinals action Monday night at the ninth King's Cup.

In five hours of action in four weight classes, the Americans won three and lost one, the Soviets won one and lost two and the Ugandans took two bouts.

## Wadkins streaks away with Greensboro title

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 5 (AP) — Lanny Wadkins turned back any would-be challengers with a late spring of three consecutive birdies that propelled him to a 5-under-par 67 and a comfortable, five-stroke victory Monday in the rain-delayed windup of the Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

Wadkins, a former PGA champion, claimed his first victory of the year and the 11th of his career with a 275 total, 13 strokes under par on the Forest Oaks Country Club course.

The triumph was worth \$72,000 from the total purse of \$400,000 and sent Wadkins to Augusta, Georgia as the No. 3 money-winner of the season with \$136,773 and a prime candidate for the prestigious Masters title.

Wadkins started the final round in a three-way tie for the lead with Craig Stadler, who will defend his Masters title later this week, and Denis Watson, a native of Rhodesia now living in South Africa. Wadkins moved in front with a birdie-4 on the second hole and held the lead the rest of the way.

Stadler still had a chance until he missed short birdie putts, both inside six feet (1.8 m), on the 14th and 15th. That was the opening Wadkins wanted and he took full advantage of it. He birdied the 15th from the fringe, made it from about 20 feet on the 16th and chipped in from off the green for a third consecutive birdie on the 17th.

Stadler and Watson tied for second at 280, each matching par 72 in the warm, sunny weather. Tommy Nakajima, the leading

money-winner on the Japanese tour last year, was alone at 281 with a closing 71. He was followed by Bobby Clampett, 72-282, and Nick Faldo of England, 70-283.

The group at 284 included Bob Eastwood, Peter Oosterhuis and Phil Hancock. Eastwood and Oosterhuis each had a last-round 72, Hancock 73. Gary Player of South Africa shot a 74 in the final round of his first American tournament of the season and was at 294.

Wadkins, who lost a playoff for the title in the Tucson Tournament that kicked off the 1983 campaign, was in control all the way. After reaching the turn in 35, good enough to provide him with a one-shot lead, he pulled away with a birdie on the 10th and remained two in front when he came out of a bunker to tap-in distance for birdie-4 on the 13th.

Trailing by two, Stadler had a chance to make up some lost ground, but failed on a six-foot putt (1.8m) on the 14th. On the 15th, Stadler had it about two feet from the flag and Wadkins was in the fringe. But Lanny made his and Stadler missed the little one. That put Lanny three in front and he was off and running.

Wadkins rolled in another one on the 16th and, from that point on, it was a battle for second place. He capped the birdie burst by chipping in on the 17th. His only bogey of the final 36 holes came on the 18th, where he missed the green. By that time, however, it mattered not at all.

Stadler and Watson each won \$35,200 in the tie for second. Due to the still-wet conditions on the course, players were allowed to lift, clean and place balls in the fairway.

## Tariq cracks splendid ton

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 5 — Abdullah Hashim's Tariq was in outstanding form. His scintillating century paved the way for his side's stunning four-wicket victory over Saad Electronics in the Alhusseini-sponsored BMW Cricket League last weekend.

Saad Electronics, opting to bat first, rattled up a massive total. And this was made possible by some splendid strokeplay on the parts of Arshad (80) and Anjad Sahni (46). But except for these two, Saad Electronics would have finished poorly against the accurate attack of Nadeem (four for 70) and Imtiaz (three for 33).

The target seemed difficult at the outset with Saad Electronics boasting one of the best attacks in the league. But they had to contend with in-form Tariq. The batsman, displaying a superb array of strokes all round the wicket, picked up the gauntlet from the word go.

He ripped Saad Electronics' attack to

## Fourth day's play in Test rained out

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 5 (APF) — Further heavy rain early Monday morning saturated an already waterlogged Bourdajval outfield and forced the cancellation of the fourth day's play in the third Test match between the West Indians and India here.

Although the weather changed and there was bright sunshine and a strong breeze, umpires David Archer and David Narine ruled just after the scheduled lunch interval that no play was possible.

The second day of the match had already been completely lost to the rain and the sudden conditions on Saturday and there is now only one day remaining.

In the play that has been possible so far, West Indies were all out for 468 in their first

innings and, with India to start their reply, a draw is inevitable.

The teams go on to Grenada on Thursday for the third and final match in the One-Day International series, which is finely balanced as one match apiece. The fourth Test of the series is scheduled to start in Bridgetown, Barbados on April 15. The West Indies lead the five-match series 1-0.

Meanwhile, the young Australians thrashed the Zimbabwe cricket team by an innings and 54 runs at sun-baked Harare Sports Club grounds Monday — the final day of the four-day game.

Replying to Australians' first innings total of 408, the national side were all out for 190 in their second innings after following on 244 runs behind.

## Noah exhibits touch of class in Italy

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy, April 5 (AP) — French ace Yannick Noah defeated American Vitas Gerulaitis in straight sets to win the final of a four-player Tennis Exhibition in this Italian resort Monday night.

Noah, a 22-year-old from Paris who is France's No. 1 player, broke the opponent's serve once in each set to down Gerulaitis 6-3, 6-4. Both finalists served several aces and chiefly played from the baseline. Noah moved into the final through a 9-5 victory over home veteran Adriano Panatta. While, Gerulaitis, 28, defeated Paraguayan Victor Pecci 9-7.

Pecci later defeated Panatta 9-8 in a close match to gain the third place of the exhibition, whose takings were employed for benefit of the Italian Institute for Cancer Research. A total of 5,000 fans watched the matches in this fashionable resort in north-east Italy.

Meanwhile, Australian Paul McNamee surprised third-seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa, winning the opening round match 6-4, 6-2 at the River Oaks International Tournament. McNamee broke the hard-serving Curren in the seventh and ninth games of the first set and then cruised through the second set. McNamee said afterward that the slow clay courts had helped him a lot.

In other opening round encounters, Finland's Leo Palin overcame three rain delays to beat Mike Estep of U.S. 6-2, 6-3, Ramesh Krishnan of India thrashed American Van



Noah... stamps his mark

Winitsky 6-1, 6-4. Tom Ciam of U.S. defeated compatriot Mike Brunberg 6-3, 6-4, and West Germany's Peter Elter got the better of New Zealander Russell Simpson 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

In Hilton Island, South Carolina, Carling Bassett, a 15-year-old Canadian, upended 13th seed Rosalyn Fairbank 6-4, 6-3, to highlight action in the first round of the \$200,000 Family Circle Cup Women's Tournament Monday.

Fairbank was the only seed to fall on a day when five other seeds saw action. But two

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## VIETNAMESE THREAT

Vietnamese troops occupying Cambodia have overspilled into Thailand which used to give aid and comfort to rebel groups resisting the Vietnamese. China is also helping to bog down the invaders. Other countries, Western included, are extending assistance to make the Vietnamese stay in Cambodia difficult, to say the least. A war is in the offing.

The Vietnamese have been fighting for several decades first to liberate and unify their country, then occupied by the French, before they turned against the Americans who replaced the French in what was called South Vietnam.

After their stupendous victory over the Americans, they became conceited and imagined themselves the superpower of the region which China did not like and showed its dislike by marching into Cambodia, "to teach the invaders a lesson" which they soon forgot.

In the meantime, Thailand has taken the brunt of the invasion because it is both a sanctuary for refugees as well as for rebels escaping the Vietnamese dragnet. At the same time, it is being used by the West as a conduit for supplies to the various resistance groups.

Finally the war has caught up with it, as the Vietnamese entrench themselves inside Thai borders heralding a possible new war in Southeast Asia. Since Thailand is linked with other states in ASEAN, the war may assume bigger dimensions. Vietnam has to take full responsibility for its mischief in that part of the world.

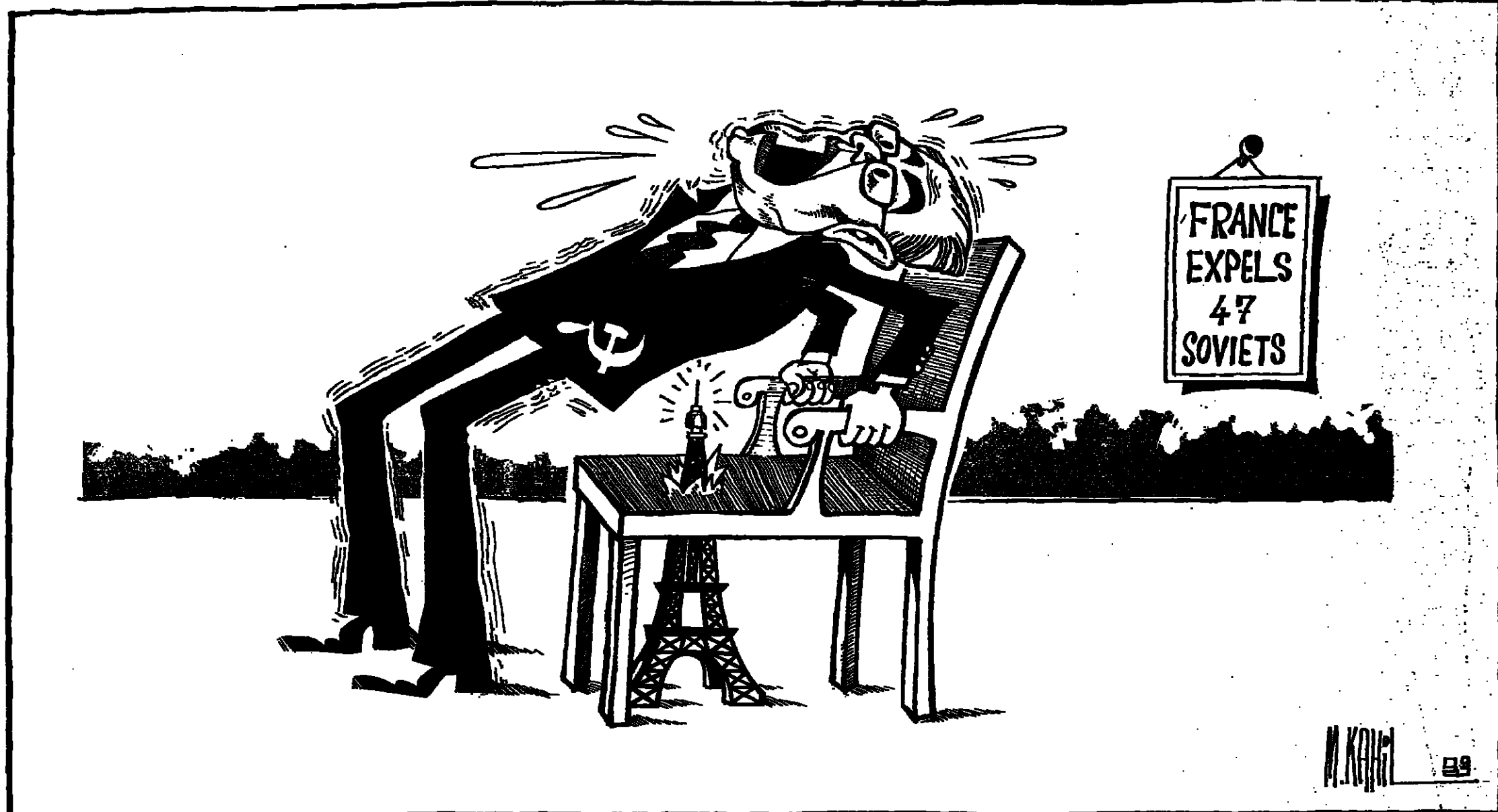
## SLICK SEMANTICS

The grave threat of widespread pollution in the Gulf will continue because Iran and Iraq have disagreed on semantics.

Iraq, it may be remembered, offered "a limited ceasefire to allow neutral experts to stem widespread pollution of the Gulf." Iran, on the other hand, said Iraq "should give safe conduct to repair crews standing by to cap the two damaged offshore platforms in a dangerous war zone."

So what is the difference between the two viewpoints? Safe conduct implies and entails a limited ceasefire, for without a ceasefire there could be no safe conduct. Iran has deliberately stalled because it wants to politicize the slick and bring pressure on Iraq, by other regional states, to meet its own demands. The slick, in short, is being used as a new weapon now that it has effectively lost its air force and navy while its army is unable to cross over into Iraq.

With 5,000 barrels of filthy crude pouring into a narrow channel like the Strait of Hormuz, Iran is being dangerously unreasonable as its actions are threatening the lives of people who have done it no harm. They have already done immense damage to marine life, which may take years to undo.



## Peking's 'peace overtures' fail to trap Taipei

By Dr. Tsi Wei-ping

(Editor's Note: Following is condensed from a study by Chinese Ambassador to the Kingdom Dr. Tsi Wei-ping published by the Institute of International Relations, Taipei. The study sheds more light on Communist "peace initiatives" and their failed attempts to invade the Republic of China by force.)

The Chinese Communist catchword "T'ung-ch'ian" is an abbreviation of "T'ung-i Chan-Hsien" meaning "united front." Although the English translation sounds innocuous enough, when the Chinese version is converted back into English again, it means "uniformly united battle front." Evidently, the added implication of the word is for Chinese consumption. There are hundreds of such catchwords and terms in the Chinese Communist lexicon for domestic and external consumption. "T'ung-ch'ian" is but one of them.

In Communist countries, many terms are concocted to glorify Marxism-Leninism or to revile capitalism, feudalism, etc. It is safe to say that the Chinese Communists have adopted and invented more such jargons than their comrades elsewhere, because they needed them to communicate mostly with peasants and workers. As the latter are usually not well educated, these terms were purposely couched in simplistic, ambiguous, but inflating phrases in order to incite them. Furthermore, as the Chinese Communist need to use the peasants and workers to propagate their doctrine, simple and sentimental catchwords have proved much more effective than sophisticated ones. Hence, such expressions as "the poor and downtrodden on the top," "lean to one side," etc.

Furthermore, when the Chinese Communists struggle against their enemy within or without, and for the purpose of concealing their own plots, distorting facts, exaggerating the enemy's crimes, and inflating popular sentiments against the enemy,

they invariably concoct some vicious and malicious words such as "political swindlers," "capitalist roaders," "poisonous weeds," and "gang of four," etc., in order to "struggle the enemy down, struggle him until he collapses, and struggle him until he sinks." These jargons are particularly effective in large-scale movements. For instance, the term "gang of four" has isolated Chiang Ch'ing, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Yao Wen-yuan, and Wang Hung-wen from the Chinese Communists as a whole and made them appear to be "the people's enemy."

To be concise, the term "united front," when used by the Chinese Communists, means to form an alliance with all the forces that can be "united," and to organize them into a camp of "uniformity" and then employ all possible means of struggle against the enemy. When there are too many enemies that cannot be struck down all at once, then narrow the target area and "unite" with the "secondary enemies" to get rid of the "principal enemy"; and when that is done, proceed to annihilate the others one by one by the same process.

When the enemy is too strong to be defeated by frontal attacks, methods of infiltration are to be used to induce divisiveness within the enemy's camp, to create subversion, and to start guerrilla warfare so as to weaken the enemy until the latter can be destroyed by a coup de grace. All these are covered under the simple term "united front." Furthermore, methods to carry out the "united front" stratagem can be changed to suit the specific environments and situations, including "peace offensive," for instance, while the goal remains constant: struggle against the enemy until the latter collapses or sinks.

The Chinese Communists have been continuously clamoring for the "liberation of Taiwan." But even in their "peace offensives" launched every now and then, they have never excluded the possibility of using force. Whenever they believe they

have the capability, they will not hesitate to use force. Otherwise, they will resort to "united front" warfare.

In 1949, after the seizure of the Chinese mainland, the Chinese Communists tried to take Kinnmen by force but were soundly defeated on the beaches of Kinnmen; and in 1958, following the conclusion of their military intervention in the Korean War, the Chinese Communists subjected Kinnmen to the heaviest artillery bombardment in military history of the world, but they failed to attain their objective. At the same time, they suffered humiliating losses in air battles over the Taiwan Straits with the Republic of China Air Force. Since then, they have ceased in their threat to "bloodwash Taiwan."

Recently, Western diplomats in mainland China said they have seldom heard anybody talk about "liberating Taiwan," nor have they found anybody enthusiastic about Taiwan's "return to the fatherland" under "peaceful unification." The ordinary people on the mainland are simply not interested in such questions. When asked, the peasants and workers usually said they have heard people in Taiwan are living better than they themselves; and what they are most interested in is a better life with more rations of daily necessities. The educated youths there have somewhat different views of their own. They believe that it is impossible to have "peace talk" with Taiwan because no one would give up a better life for the sake of so-called "unity." Likewise, they also believe that Taiwan cannot make the Communists repudiate their ideology and system. Thus, "peace talk" is nothing but a kind of idle talk.

The Chinese Communists have recently taken a low profile approach toward the Republic of China, saying that if Taiwan agrees to talk peace, they would not ask Taiwan to change its system currently in use. Taiwan, they said, may keep its current way of life, even its army. But to a demand that the Republic of China repudiate its independence and

sovereignty and voluntarily surrender to Communist totalitarianism.

Some people also tend to think that the Republic of China's refusal to negotiate has put it on the defensive. In reality, not to negotiate is just as a strategy as to negotiate. We are aware of what the Chinese Communists are up to, and, therefore, we have refused to negotiate with them... We want to show the whole world that we are firmly opposed to the Communist ideology and system without any need to resort to "pragmatic" hypocrisy. Our repeated refusals signify a consistent policy. Thus, the Chinese Communists have no chance to achieve by political tricks what they cannot achieve by force.

Although the Chinese Communists are unable to invade Taiwan by military force, it does not mean that they will never try. Therefore, the Republic of China must continuously strengthen its national defense. Not long ago, the United States and Japan held a conference in Tokyo to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the U.S.-Japanese Mutual Security Treaty. American scholars who attended the conference suggested that Japan should increase its defense budgets and accept a greater responsibility in the common defense of the Western Pacific and Northeast Asia. In response, Japanese scholars pointed out that the United States has only urged Japan to increase its defense without consulting Japan on international security matters. As an explanation, one of the American scholars said that U.S. failure to consult Japan on certain security matters could be attributed to Japan's limited defense capability which restricts its possible contributions to regional security.

It is evident that the Republic of China should make more contributions toward the maintenance of security in the region, besides continuing with its own programs of economic development to enhance its overall national strength. Therefore, further improvement and strengthening of the Republic of China's defense capabilities will be necessary for effectively discouraging or deterring any possible Chinese Communist aggression as well as for making substantial contributions to security in the Western Pacific and Northeast Asia.

At present, the Republic of China must expose the Chinese Communist's insidious "united front" strategy for what it is by letting the whole world know its contents and purposes. In the meantime, such an effort will undoubtedly hasten the resurgence of the human rights movement on the mainland which in turn will accelerate the eventual downfall of Chinese Communist totalitarianism.

## U.S. dismissal of German left may prove costly

By Andrei S. Markovits

LOS ANGELES —

While the Reagan administration's euphoric reaction to the recent victory of the Christian Democrats in West Germany is understandable, that response poses a serious threat to our interests in Europe. It is crucial to recall that the fundamental basis of our alliance with the Federal Republic of Germany, arguably the most important country in Western Europe both economically and strategically, has rested for a quarter-century on a firm consensus of the middle that included both the Christian Democrats and the Social Democrats.

This bipartisan agreement in West Germany concerning the broad contours of its foreign policy, especially as to the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, has run into minor difficulties lately. In order to prevent irreversible damage, the United States should refrain from discounting the Social Democrats in its policy calculations. It would be a shortsighted error on our part to view the center-right victory of March 6 as a mandate to further alienate the center-left. The Social Democrats may seem in disarray and weakened by defeat, but they are likely to return to power in the not-so-distant future.

Although we cannot—and should not—determine the Social Democratic Party's internal development, our actions over the next few years will greatly influence what kind of party it will be: the Atlanticist, pro-American party that we have

known since the late 1950s, or the neutralist, anti-NATO party of the early 1950s. This is what we should consider when we are tempted to nostalgically extol Helmut Kohl's victory as a return to the blissful years of Konrad Adenauer's rule in the 1950s. It is precisely because the 1980s are not the 1950s that we need the Social Democrats on our side.

In order to regain the confidence and trust of large segments of the Social Democratic Party and thereby solidify the broad Atlanticist consensus in German foreign policy, we must make it clear to the German people that we genuinely care about their immediate and long-term future. The Reagan administration's hawkish posturing in defense policy and its one-sided approach to economic problems have left many Germans, and not just supporters of the Social Democrats, puzzled and somewhat perturbed. That, however, in no way means that the fundamentally pro-American feelings among most Germans, including Social Democrats, have disappeared over the last two years.

We will have to deal with the Federal Republic quite differently today than we did three decades ago. Above all, this means that we must accept the changed conditions in Germany. It was with American help that the Federal Republic became an economic giant. Subsequently, we were pleased that, under the stewardship of the Social Democrats, West Germany grew into one of the leading and most respected actors in the family of nations.

But, for the partnership to continue on an equal and healthy basis, we will need the continued support of a broad segment of the German political spectrum. That must include the Social Democrats.

The Social Democratic Party is at a crossroads. Many of its old leaders are about to retire from active political life, or will do so in the next few years. The next step in our defense and economic policies will inevitably help shape the internal debates within the party: if we refrain from jingoism in our dialogue with the Soviet Union, make a sincere and effective effort to reach some type of agreement with the Soviets in Geneva on medium-range missiles and stop interfering with the course of German economic development, we will help the still-predominant but somewhat shaky Atlanticist wing within the Social Democratic Party.

Such a course would certainly benefit our relationship with Germany in the short run and have major consequences for the United States and the NATO alliance in the long run. Given that the Christian Democrats are unlikely to be able to cope with Germany's high level of unemployment, it would not be surprising if the Social Democrats made a splinter comeback than many observers are expecting. (LAT)

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### Feature on weapons testing

Sir,

Your feature article on weapons testing in Australia 30 years ago is accompanied by a photograph purporting to be of Australian Aborigines. I am inclined to doubt the authenticity of this photograph.

As one who has lived among Australian Aborigines I can only say that the children in the photograph do not look like them.

Douglas Sturkey  
Ambassador  
Australian Embassy  
Jeddah

(Editor's note: Yes, you are right. The children in the photograph are from the village of Lega in East Timor. The mix-up is regretted.)

### No match for Indira

Sir,

This refers to the news item "Maneka's challenge to Indira" (March 27). Needless to say that Maneka, as one who neither has political capability nor personal integrity, would meet her Waterloo in the fight against her astute mother-in-law.

It is oddity in its extreme that the same mouth that eulogized Mrs. Gandhi makes vituperative statements now.

One does not require much intelligence to deduce that Maneka's attempt is to settle a personal score with Mrs. Gandhi. There are several parties in opposition to Mrs. Gandhi and Maneka's Rashtriya Sanjay Manch is one such and poses no threat to the prime minister.

Mrs. Gandhi has survived several onslaughts in the past. A portion from one of the books of Kushwant Singh is worth quoting: "Voted out of power in 1977, Indira Gandhi had been written off as a

has-been by most Indians. But she returned to the center-stage of Indian politics shortly after the fall which must easily rank as one of the most spectacular political comebacks ever, anywhere in the world."

India today witnesses parties being formed overnight and defections being made without qualms of conscience.

To be realistic, I must admit that Mrs. Gandhi too has her failings and foibles. If she has lost her battle of the ballot in the southern state assembly elections, it was only because her chief ministers in those states had proved to be incompetent and unscrupulous. However, I am among those who believe that she is by far the best in comparison with those fragmented and demoralized alternatives. I wish she should raise above the din and noise and establish that she is above board by any reckoning.

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Today is Wednesday, April 6, the 96th day of 1983. There are 269 days left in the year.  
Highlights in history on this date:  
1593 — Henry Barrow is executed on charge of slandering England's Queen Elizabeth I.  
1664 — Saxony and France sign alliance at Ratibon.  
1777 — Marquis de Lafayette's French volunteers arrive in America to assist in revolution against Britain.  
1823 — French forces cross Bidoussa River, and war with Spain begins.  
1897 — Sultan of Zanzibar abolishes slavery.  
1901 — Russia drops draft convention with China after protests by Britain and Japan.  
1909 — U.S. explorer Robert E. Peary reaches North Pole.  
1917 — United States declares war on Germany.  
1945 — U.S. naval forces score major victory over Japanese at Kyushu in World War II.  
1948 — Central legislature of British East Africa holds first session in Nairobi.  
1964 — United Nations officers arrange ceasefire between warring Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities in western Cyprus.  
1972 — Egypt breaks ties with Jordan because of King Hussein's proposal for new Palestinian state.  
1981 — Leader of Czechoslovakia's Communist Party warns that Warsaw Pact nations will not stand by while Polish government is undermined by rebellious labor leaders.  
1982 — Secretary of State Alexander Haig says United States will not renounce idea of using nuclear weapons first, nor would United States agree to nuclear freeze.  
Thought for today:  
It takes all sorts of people to make a world—  
Douglas Jerrold, English playwright-humorist (1803-1857).



## Habitat of world's most primitive tribes

# Chittagong retains the spirit of bygone era

By A. B. Rajput

DHAKA — The deep jungle valleys in the Chittagong Hills of Bangladesh, running along the Burmese border, are a rendezvous of some of the most primitive tribes in the world. Here in the heart of the Sundarbans forest one comes across a little-known group of people who still lead a life akin to nature, going about almost naked in their serene surroundings, and are mortally afraid of meeting any one from the civilized world. Commonly known as the Murungs, these primitive folk rarely come out of their forest enclaves, and are perhaps the happiest lot of humanity still basking in the pristine glow of a bygone age.

The entire Murung population of about 20,000 to 22,000 persons lies scattered in these remote jungle valleys, with small settlements of 10 to 15 families each, nestled amidst steep hills, interspersed by numerous rivulets and streams. The approach to their settlements becomes all the more difficult during heavy monsoons when the narrow mud tracks, snaking through the forest, get slippery and dangerous, with the result that the entire area is totally cut off from the outside world for a good part of the year.

These valleys provide shelter to some 300,000 hillmen belonging to various tribes of the Tibetan or Burmese origin. Some of them, like the Chakmas and Moghs, are comparatively progressive and live mostly by the river banks. The least known, being the most primitive of all, live in highly inaccessible hills, and number not more than a few hundred each. These are known as the Banjogs and Pankus.

The Murungs are found to have a uniform style of houses, dress, food, customs and manners. They speak a dialect of their own, have their own dances, music and love songs, and follow a rigid code of morals, without professing any particular faith. They depend on a peculiar system of agriculture, known as *shooming*, and with the exception of salt, kerosene oil and a few other essentials of life, they are self-sufficient in their needs. They do not have any craftsmen or artisans, builders or carpenters, blacksmiths or potters, weavers or barbers in their society, and, thus, each family does everything for itself, getting the help of neighbors, only in building a house or for *shooming*.

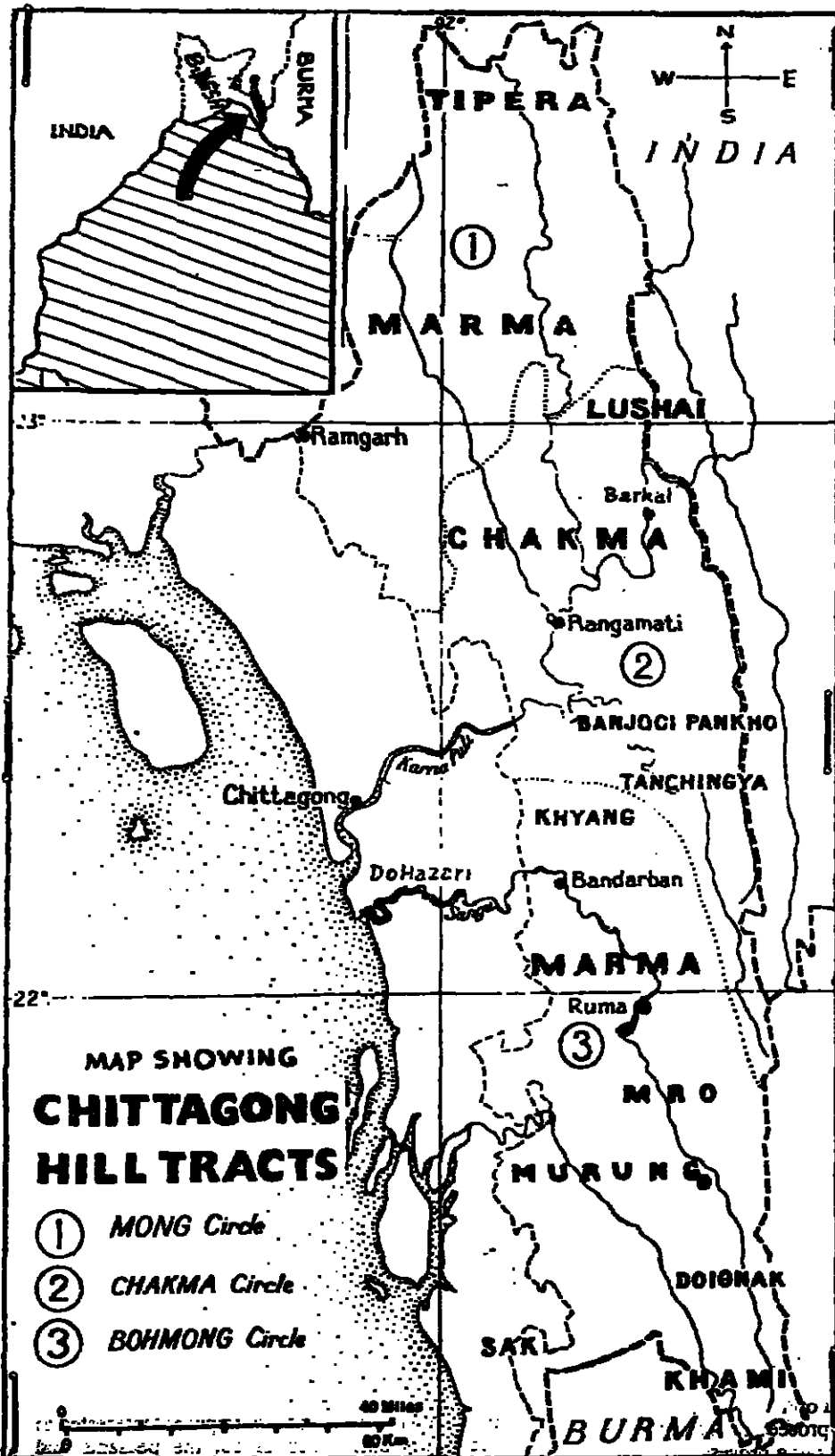
As the Murungs live under the joint family system, they have to build large enough houses to accommodate separately each married couple in the family. The entire house is constructed on a strong bamboo platform, nine to twelve feet high, as a protection against floods and beasts. The structure consists mainly of bamboo, and wooden logs are used only as pillars to support the roof. Each house has a set pattern of rooms, consisting of a main hall, an adjoining open courtyard, and a kitchen with a thatched roof. The hall is generally square, measuring anywhere between 25 and 40 feet on either side, and the attached living rooms each of about 15x15 feet dimensions. The courtyard, situated between 20 and 25 feet on either side and protected by a four to five feet high bamboo screen, a thick tree trunk is shaped into a rough step-ladder leading to the main entrance of the hall which is used as a common sitting, working and sleeping room for the whole family excepting the married couple, who live and sleep separately in the attached rooms. The courtyard is used for drying paddy or other commodities in the sun, spinning cotton or relaxing in the cool evenings.

A corner of the hall is reserved for cooking. Another corner is for storing drinking water in small pitchers made of pumpkin or gourd. For the storage of grain and other products, each attached room has a large, round bin made of cane and bamboo. Each bin can easily contain about a ton of paddy or other crops for the family's needs for the year.

Although the Murungs are agriculturists by profession, they are not used to plough-cultivation and practice their traditional method of *shooming* in raising the crops. This is a primitive method of cultivation in which an area of the forest is selected, cleared of the jungle growth, which is allowed to dry in the sun and thereafter set on fire before the monsoons. The ground is then cleared of the debris, and as soon as the first showers fall, the soil is planted with mixed seeds of paddy, cotton, maize, sesamum, pumpkins, melons, chillies and tobacco. The seeds are all put together in a basket from which the sower deposits each seed as it comes to his hand, into small holes in the ground which he makes with a sharp instrument, without caring which one he is dropping where. The quantity of the paddy seeds, is, however, much more than the other seeds in the basket, as rice is their staple food and they want to grow more of it. The ashes of burnt trees serve as natural manure and the heavy monsoons provide life-giving water to the crops. The maize ripens by the middle of August; the vegetables and grains are harvested in September, and the cotton and tobacco are brought home in November and December. This method of cultivation entails greater labor and incessant care, as the young plants have to be constantly weeded and guarded against the depredations of wild beasts and birds. The outcome is uncertain because the crop depends on the right quantity of rainfall at proper time and may totally fail if there is a drought or unusual flood. A successful *shoom* crop, however, provides as much as three to four times the normal needs of a family.

As a practice, the Murung women work harder than their menfolk and, therefore, according to their customs, a girl's age must be more than that of the boy at the time of their marriage. The idea behind this practice is that the newly married woman should be of greater help to both her husband and his family.

The selection of the match does not depend on the couple itself. It is customary for the eligible bachelors in the settlement to frequent the house of a young maiden and spend long evening hours with her, chatting and singing together in the presence of her parents. The songs are mostly of love and yearning, full of tender sentiments and devotion.



MAP: This map shows the Chittagong Hill Tracts with inset maps showing their relation with India and Burma and the principal tribal groups.

Here is an English rendering of one such song:

"Your face, my sweetheart, is as beautiful as the lotus! So, even though you are going away from me, I shall feel your presence in the lotus, and seek solace by loving it in your absence!"

The young maiden replies in praise of her lover:

"How beautiful you are, my dearest? You are like the 'LUNG-OYUR', or the Scarlet Lady Fly, velvety and shining, in my green jungle valleys!"

The standard of male beauty among the Murung maidens is equally interesting to note. Their ideal youth is a well-built wheat-complexioned person, having long hair tied in a knot at the top. He should have painted his cheeks and forehead with wide patches of crimson color, and have colorful flowers strung in the pierced lobes of his ears. His teeth should be stained coal-black and he should be able to sing love-songs and play music on the reed pipes. Without such make-up and accomplishments, no maiden would care to respond to a youth.

The girl, thus, gets ample opportunity to select a young man of her choice during these meetings, which sometimes continue for months, until one night the girl quietly elopes with the youth of her choice. After this event, the parents of the boy approach the girl's family and make the marriage proposal. Generally the girl's parents agree to the proposal and the couple returns to celebrate

the marriage according to the usual rites. But if the parents of the girl reject the proposal for any reason, the couple is searched out and brought back to the village, where it is customary for the boy to slaughter an animal and distribute its flesh among the people of his village by going to each house personally, and also paying a cash amount ranging between 30 rupees and 70 rupees (approx. \$2.50 & \$5.50), according to the status of the girl, as fine to her parents.

If the couple elopes for the second or third time, there is a similar fine, but if they manage to run away for the fourth time, the boy can claim the girl as his legal wife, without any further payment of fine. The parents of the girl, therefore, normally agree to the marriage proposal on the first elopement of the young couple, by settling the price of the bride. The price usually comes to about 300 rupees (approx. \$24.00), payable after the consummation of marriage, by the parents of the groom. It is worked out in a very interesting manner with 10 rupees set apart as payment for the mother for having breastfed the girl during her infancy and the rest divided into the cost of the wraps or loincloths, homespun sheets, mats and other articles prepared by the girl in her house, and the price of a sword, an arrow, a spear, a pick-axe and a chopper, which the bridegroom is required to present as a wedding gift to the parents of the girl before marriage. The entire amount has to be paid in silver coins and not in bank notes.



PRIDE OF FAUNA: The pride of Bangladesh's fauna is the Royal Bengal Tiger. There are an estimated 400 of them in the Sundarbans.

For the wedding, the bride has to go to the house of the groom along with the elders of her village and her father. No female member is allowed to accompany her and no special dress, excepting the usual wrap, is worn by the bride at the time of marriage. Her face is decorated with large round patches of scarlet color on the cheeks and the forehead, with lips and teeth stained pinkish, the hair tied on top in the form of a bun decorated with flowers or glass-beads, and wearing strings of colorful beads around her neck. Bangles, armlets, anklets and girdles made of aluminum or cheap white metal, purchased from the forest bazaar run by non-hillman, may be worn by the girl if she possesses them. The only distinction between the bride and other unmarried girls is that she has to have her palms painted red.

The marriage ceremony is conducted by an elder of the groom's village. The ceremony is very simple: both bride and the bridegroom are seated amidst the wedding party. An elder of the groom's village then ties a black cotton thread, containing a small bit of the right ear of a freshly slaughtered animal, around the right wrist of both bride and bridegroom. A similar thread, containing a bit each of the animal's ear, is then put around the wrists of others present on the occasion. After this ceremony, a fine paste of turmeric and rice is made with water and applied by the same person as a finger mark on the forehead.

The Murungs are, nevertheless, very fond of music and dance. Their orchestra comprises a two-sided drum played by hands, and a number of wind instruments of different sizes, varying in length from 6 inches to 12 feet, each fitted into a pumpkin base. Each instrument contains a number of pipes, the smaller ones made from the reed and the larger ones from the bamboo. The overall effect is of soft drone, punctuated with the beats of the drum.

There are few special occasions among the Murungs for dancing and music. They have just one festival in the year when the *shoom* crop is gathered and the rich amongst them kill a cow and feed their neighbors to the accompaniment of dancing.

The cow-killing ceremony, called *Jamlang*, is conducted in an open field near the village where the cow is tied to a thick stake. The young maidens and youth then dance in a circle around the animal, throwing spears or shooting arrows at it, every now and then. The tempo of music and dance increases as the animal writhes in pain, and the ceremony continues until it finally collapses and dies of wounds. It is then skinned and eaten away, half cooked, on the same spot.

Like their customs and manners, the Murung dress is equally unique. The women and female children do not have anything on their body excepting a brief wrap — *wanklai* — about 9 inches wide, around their waist, leaving the two ends loose on the outer side of the left thigh. The *wanklai* is made of thick homespun black cloth, with woven patterns in the middle and having very small beads along the edges, length-wise. The ends are left loose to make it convenient for the wearer to walk or sit. The *wanklai* is tied around the waist with the help of a sort of belt made of beads or chain.

The menfolk wear an equally brief loincloth made of white cotton, with the long end hanging in front between the legs. The Headmen or *Karbars*, who have to go out of their reserves to the forest bazaar or the neighboring towns, have to be more elaborate in their dress.

Life and conditions of these people have not changed much after their legendary migration to these parts from the Arakans, according to one tradition, or from the Indo-Gangetic plain, according to another. It will, of course, be of interest to watch how different tribes react to the modern development projects under way in the hill tracts.

## Chile's dissidents live in internal exile

By Kenneth Freed

CARAHUE, Chile (LAT) — There is nothing about this quiet village at the edge of Chile's southern lakes country that resembles a prison, but Carlos Lopez Vila is as isolated here as he would be if he were behind bars.

Lopez Vila, a 59-year-old construction worker, is a "relegado," a political prisoner sentenced to three years of internal exile. Since the military seized power 10 years ago, Gen. Augusto Pinochet's regime has devised several kinds of punishment for its opponents. In the early days people were sometimes killed. Some simply disappeared. Now, punishment is more likely to be in the form of imprisonment, temporary detention or "relegacion," judicial banishment to some remote part of Chile or to another country. There are, according to human rights organizations here, 34,000 to 36,000 Chileans in exile overseas. In a brief period toward the end of last year, 1,200 demonstrators were arrested and held in jail for up to 20 days. Only about 10 percent of them were charged and only 10 percent of those who were tried were convicted.

"The punishment for most dissidents is the arrest itself," said a diplomat. "That and being in the tender hands of the CNI," he added, referring to Chile's investigative police, an agency with a reputation for brutality.

Numerically, the *relegados* in Chile are a relatively small group, slightly more than 1,000 in all since the September 1973, coup. But they serve as a constant reminder of what can happen to anyone who dissents from Pinochet's authoritarian policies.

The isolation and loneliness, along with the long-lasting effects of being branded an opponent of the regime, underscore the harshness of a system that punishes people for such offenses as "illegal associations." It was this offense that brought Vila, an acknowledged "militant Communist," to Carahue, which lies about 1,500 miles south of his home in Iquique.

## Another Look

### Testing new weapons

By Robert Yeakum

Attention average American family: Twenty thousand of your tax dollars will be used in the next five years to pay for the Reagan administration's proposed \$1.6 trillion military buildup. And, as *Time* magazine's fascinating cover story on defense spending points out, a hunk of your twenty grand will be squandered on weapons that don't work!

The magazine cites many reasons for waste, but emphasizes "a slavish devotion by the military to high technology," and the Pentagon's habit of producing costly and complicated weapons that haven't been adequately tested.

"Haven't been adequately tested?" you exclaim, visions of 1983 tax forms floating before your eyes.

That's right. Tests, say *Time*, may be arranged under optimum conditions by the very brass and businessmen who have

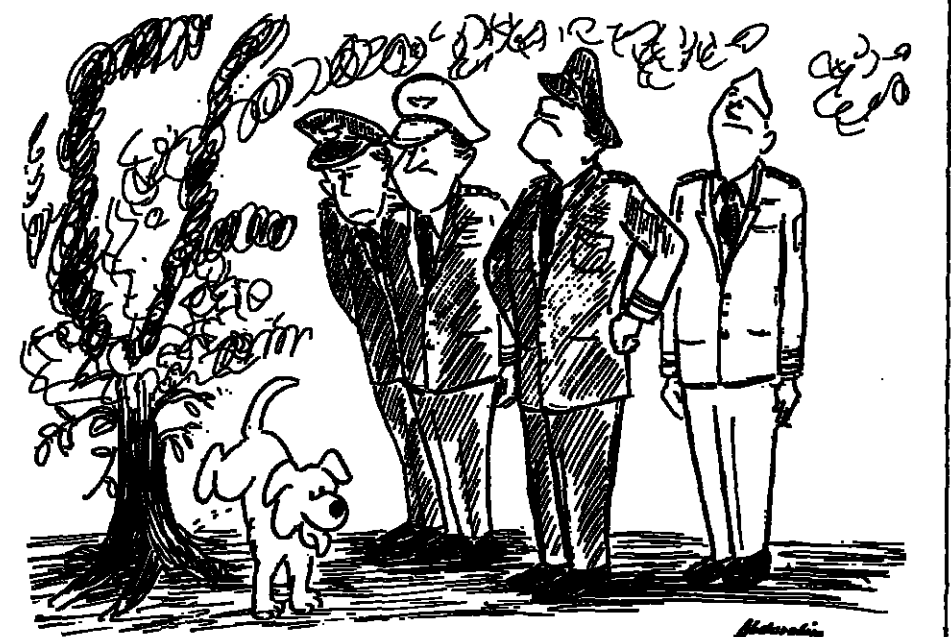
ruin the device.

"(b) The above defect can be especially grave when, as happens one time out of ten, Bushwhacker's computer glitches and sends it back to its own base.

"(c) Antenna "branches" cannot distinguish between human and animal contact. Under combat conditions more than half of the Bushwhackers were detonated by cows, horses, deer, and rabbits. Equally serious, dogs urinating on the "bush" cause Bushwhacker to short-circuit and burn — an event that would almost certainly create suspicion in the enemy camp.

"2. Fully-automated, atomic-powered ground, airborne, seaborne, and submersible transport vehicle: Known as "Pegasus," this gigantic troop transport has been a dream in the eyes of Army officers for many years.

"After a long dispute with the Air Force over the planned use of retractable wings (by law only the Air Force can build fixed-



career and cash stakes in the weapon.

Barring miracles, military procurement will probably work the same way two or three years hence. Let's imagine how *Time* might then write about two new super high-tech weapons fresh out of the Pentagon's fevered fantasies:

"1. Bushwhacker: Now in production with a \$4.4 billion price tag for the first year, Bushwhacker is designed to spy on enemy headquarters in the field.

"Bushwhacker, which is guided by both radar and infrared television for night flight, looks like an ordinary rocket at blast off. But then several systems are activated by computers that make it possible for the warhead, after it separates from the booster, to bury itself silently near the enemy's command center and instantly sprout a realistic looking "bush."

"The "branches" of this false bush are actually antennas, which are capable of picking up conversations within a mile and relaying them back to U.S. military intelligence via satellite.

"Bushwhacker is designed to destroy itself — and anyone within 30 meters — if one of the "branches" is touched.

"Several problems turned up, however, when Bushwhacker was tested in combat conditions at the insistence of a congressional committee. It will take another \$3.7 billion to correct the following flaws:

"(a) Bushwhacker explodes on impact nearly one-third of the time, which would ruin the element of stealth even if it didn't

wing aircraft), the army decided to provide lift for the 200-ton Pegasus with a combination of helicopter rotors on top and jet engines, below and behind.

"The army and manufacturers reported that Pegasus worked "extremely well," but a number of defects surfaced when a congressional committee, pressured by the next-of-kin of soldiers in Pegasus units, forced full field trials under combat conditions:

"(a) The huge vehicle consumes 300 gallons of gasoline a minute, which means that its effective range is less than two miles unless accompanied by a tanker. Furthermore, space needed for gasoline and high-tech equipment leaves room for only two small infantrymen in addition to the crew. (A former Pentagon analyst calculated that it would cost \$47,822 to transport one soldier one mile.)

"(b) Design flaws result in so much percussion when the Pegasus guns are fired that crews are knocked unconscious for up to five minutes — a handicap that the army finally admitted could, under certain adverse conditions, constitute a battlefield hazard. Cost of new firing system: \$4.1 billion.

"(c) Pegasus was indeed submersible (as a matter of fact, it sank like a stone whenever winds rose above three knots), but once on the bottom it was unable to move. Cost of an underwater propulsion system, which had been overlooked: \$2.6 billion.

Vila, every day for Jara — the *relegados* are indeed on their own. Most of them have no money. Because people are afraid to associate with them, they can seldom find work or decent housing. They have few friends. The one man in Pitrufquen who has been friendly to Jara told a reporter that he has had many problems as a consequence.

Like Lopez Vila, Jara gets some food from a local social organization. They both get old fruit and vegetables from stores and restaurants. That is about all they eat.

As a former welder's apprentice and a former student at a teachers college, Jara has no trade he can use in Pitrufquen. The authorities will not let him leave the town, so he cannot even get work in the fields at harvest time.

For a while he tried to sell the neckerchiefs he made, "but there was no place to sell them." Now, Jara is learning woodcarving from local Indians in the hope that he can sell them.

The loneliness and pain of isolation are etched in Jara's face as he talks of walking around the town day after day. "The people don't bother me," he said, "but I have nobody to talk to, no money to buy magazines, to buy anything."

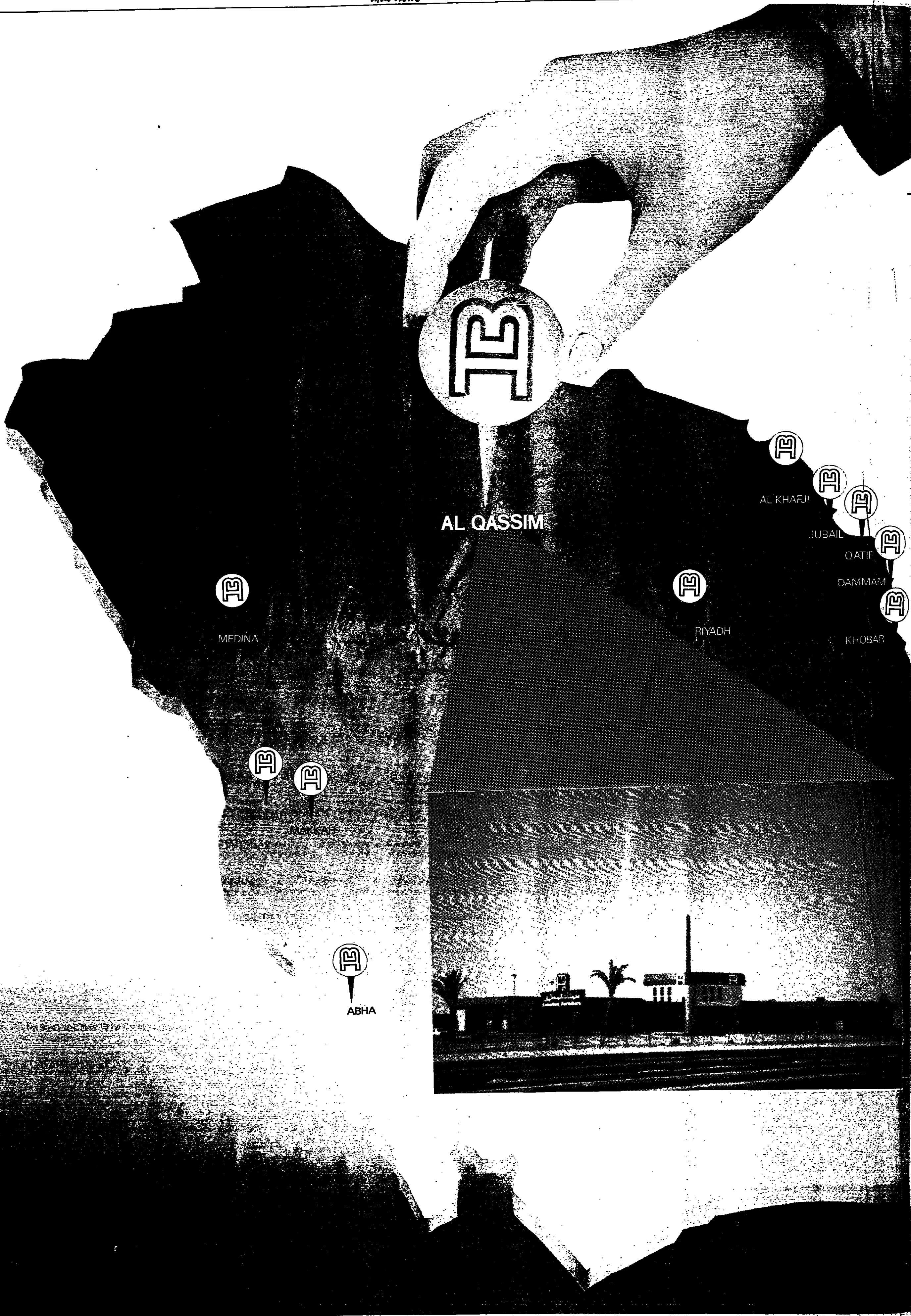
Both men said they plan to return to their homes when their relegation is finished. Lopez Vila said he will "continue to fight so that everyone can have a decent life."

I want a democratic life, he went on. "I want a life where kids can go to school." But he disavowed the use of violence, and added, "violence is what the government uses."

For Jara, the future seems to hold little more promise than the present. "My documents will say I am a former *relegado*," he said. "This will make it hard to get work. I can't go back to the university (he was expelled as a result of his arrest) and I can't be a civil employee or a teacher. Even if I could get enough money to leave Chile, they would take my passport and I couldn't come back."

"I will go home from here, but it won't make much difference where I am. For me, Chile is a prison."



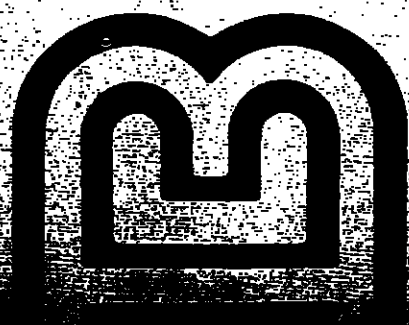


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## In manufactured goods

## Most states register export fall

WASHINGTON, April 5 (Agencies) — Most countries that are major suppliers of manufactured goods reported declines in their dollar-valued exports during the third quarter of 1982, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Monday.

The United Kingdom, Italy, Austria, and Denmark all reported declines in the 9 percent to 10 percent range, the department said. Canada, Japan, the United States and China posted increases.

West German and French exports dropped by 5 percent to 6 percent, and Japanese shipments fell by 3.2 percent. U.S. exports

showed little change in the third quarter of 1982 from their second-quarter levels. Only Canada recorded substantially increased exports during the third quarter. Its foreign shipments were 7.3 percent higher than in the preceding quarter.

In a special report, the Commerce Department said Italy's position weakened by half a percentage point to 7.8 percent. The West German and British shares dropped to 19.9 percent and 8.2 percent as their share of manufactured exports. Japan's standing rebounded slightly from its large decline of the preceding quarter and rose two-tenths of

a percentage point to 13.7 percent.

"The U.S. share of world exports of manufactures jumped a full percentage point in the third quarter of 1982 to reach 20.7 percent, its highest level since the same quarter the previous year," the Commerce Department said.

"Most of the increase was attributable to the statistical effect of the dollar's appreciation since the second quarter. If the dollar had not appreciated, the U.S. share would have risen only by about two-tenths of a percentage point."

In the exports of chemicals, France's share dropped a full percentage point to 10.7 percent. Both West Germany and Japan improved their positions by about half a percentage point to 20.5 and 5.9 percent, respectively.

The largest increase in the U.S. share of world exports was in chemicals, which rose to 21.5 percent. The U.S. standing in the non-electric machinery group rose to 29.3 percent. U.S. exports of mining and well drilling machinery increased. Italy and France both had substantial share losses. Italy's fell to 7.2 percent and France's to 6.8 percent.

In the basic manufactures group, the U.S. position rose to 10.5 percent. The Japanese position improved strongly, rising by more than one full percentage point to 16.3 percent. West Germany's standing advanced to 19.1 percent. France and Italy both had reductions in their market shares to 9.8 and 9.4 percent, respectively.

Meanwhile, an annual survey by the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) shows that for the first time since the early 1960s, Western nations last year sold less to Eastern Europe than they bought.

However the West's trade with the Soviet Union itself flourished, with machinery and pipeline equipment being exchanged for oil and gas.

The survey said these developments highlighted a profound adjustment under way in East-West economic relations.

The turnaround from a Western surplus of about \$2 billion in trade with East European countries in 1981 reflected import-curtailing policies in the East, it said.

While Western imports from Eastern Europe fell 5 percent, the decline in exports going the other way accelerated to 21 percent.

These figures excluded the Soviet Union itself, where there was an exceptionally dynamic two-way flow in trade with the West during a year when the overall volume of world trade fell 2 percent, the report said.

Western exports to the Soviet Union last year increased by 7 percent, with particularly strong growth in machinery, transport equipment and commodities needed for pipeline projects, the ECE said.

The West's imports from that country rose by 13 percent reflecting bigger purchases of oil and other mineral.

## Global jobless rate records sharp rise

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP) — The United States led the world's major industrial countries last year in rising unemployment, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says.

The jobless rate may be on its way down in the United States, but there is not much indication of a decline elsewhere, according to figures compiled by the bureau, part of the U.S. Labor Department.

The number of jobless averaged 9.5 percent of the American labor force, compared with 7.5 percent in 1981. This was an increase of more than one-fourth, and in December the rate was up even further, to 10.7 percent. But by March it was down to 10.1 percent.

Only Canada and West Germany had larger increases in the year. Canada's peak rate in December was 12.7 percent, with a small drop to 12.4 percent in January and February.

## World Bank lends Thailand \$175m

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP) — Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia are to receive loans from the World Bank for payments and other purposes, the bank announced here.

Thailand is receiving a second structural adjustment loan of \$175.5 million as part of "a government program designed to improve its medium-term balance of payments position, while sustaining the economy's growth momentum." An earlier loan of \$150 million was approved in March 1982 and fully disbursed in July of the same year.

## Excluding America

## N-power plants on the rise

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AFP) — In spite of the recession, the proportion of nuclear-originated electric power in the world (excluding the United States) continued increasing in 1982, the Atomic Industrial Forum (AIF) said here.

The most noteworthy developments in 1982 were:

— China ordered its first civil power station and said this would be locally designed. Two pressurized water reactors (PWR) rated 300 megawatts each are to be built near Shanghai by 1988.

— Brazil joined the Nuclear Power Producers' Club with the start-up of Angra-1, a 626 PWR megawatt at Itaipua. Brazil has become the 24th country to use nuclear-originated electricity.

— In India and Japan some waste processing plants entered service.

— South Korea decided to research fast breeder reactors. It thus became the eighth country to adopt this technology and it hopes to have a plant working by the end of this decade.

The AIF said France remained the nation most dependent on nuclear power for its electricity. French atomic plants produced well over 40 percent of the nation's electric power.

France has 32 nuclear power stations in operation, two further units being ordered last year: Chinan B-4 of 900 megawatts and Nogent-sur-Marne of 1,270 megawatts. France's aim was to obtain 85 percent of its electricity from nuclear energy by the end of the present century, the AIF said.

Japan, No. 2 with its civil power program, last year ordered a 1,115 megawatt reactor of the PWR type with the code name Tsunaga-2. The Japanese last year added two reactors to their grid now totalling 16,615 megawatts, AIF said.

## Ethiopia renews drought aid appeal

ADDIS ABABA, April 5 (AP) — Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission Shimelis Adugna has renewed appeals to relief organizations and the international community to step up aid to more than three million drought victims throughout the country.

Speaking Monday to representatives of voluntary agencies based here, Shimelis was quoted by the official Ethiopian News Agency as saying that he was grateful for the "generous assistance" provided by donor countries and organizations so far.

But he said Ethiopia still needed trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles to reach victims in difficult terrain as well as medicines and

tents. The number of those leaving their homes for government shelters was still rising, Shimelis said.

He stressed once more that his government was effectively distributing relief assistance to those who needed it, apparently in response to criticism in Europe that Ethiopia was diverting relief aid for other purposes. He also said the commission was engaged in both relief and rehabilitation work.

Of the more than three million drought-afflicted in the country, at least a third have been identified as requiring relief support and 186,000 emergency aid. The worst-hit regions are Gondar and Wollo provinces in the north.

## Rains wash away Cuba's recovery hopes

HAVANA, April 5 (R) Freak rains have dealt a serious blow to Cuba's largely agricultural economy, already reeling under the impact of foreign debts, a shortage of hard currency and low sugar prices on the world market.

The unseasonal tropical storms that have dumped five times the average winter rainfall on Cuba have in particular hit the sugar harvest, which usually brings the world's biggest sugar exporter about 80 percent of its foreign income.

The official newspaper *Granma* underlined Cuba's misfortunes in a front-page editorial on the weather: "The setback occurred... just as it was more important than ever for us to ensure the maximum revenue possible in freely convertible currency."

Diplomats say President Fidel Castro's government faces the choice of either cutting sugar exports to the West and reducing its hard currency income or reducing exports to the Soviet Union, which pays well but in non-convertible currency.

"The shortfall could show up in cuts to the three million tons it sells to the West, admittedly at very low prices, but in dollars at least," one diplomat explained. "Or Cuba could decrease exports to the Soviet Union, which guarantees prices well above the market rate, albeit in non-convertible currency," he added.

The international market slump, which has reduced sugar prices to a quarter of their value three years ago, has already hit Cuba hard. Its

crucial imports from the West fell to around \$800 million this year compared with \$1.1 billion two years ago. Diplomats said that with no big price rise likely in the glutted world market, Cuba faced a contraction of its economy.

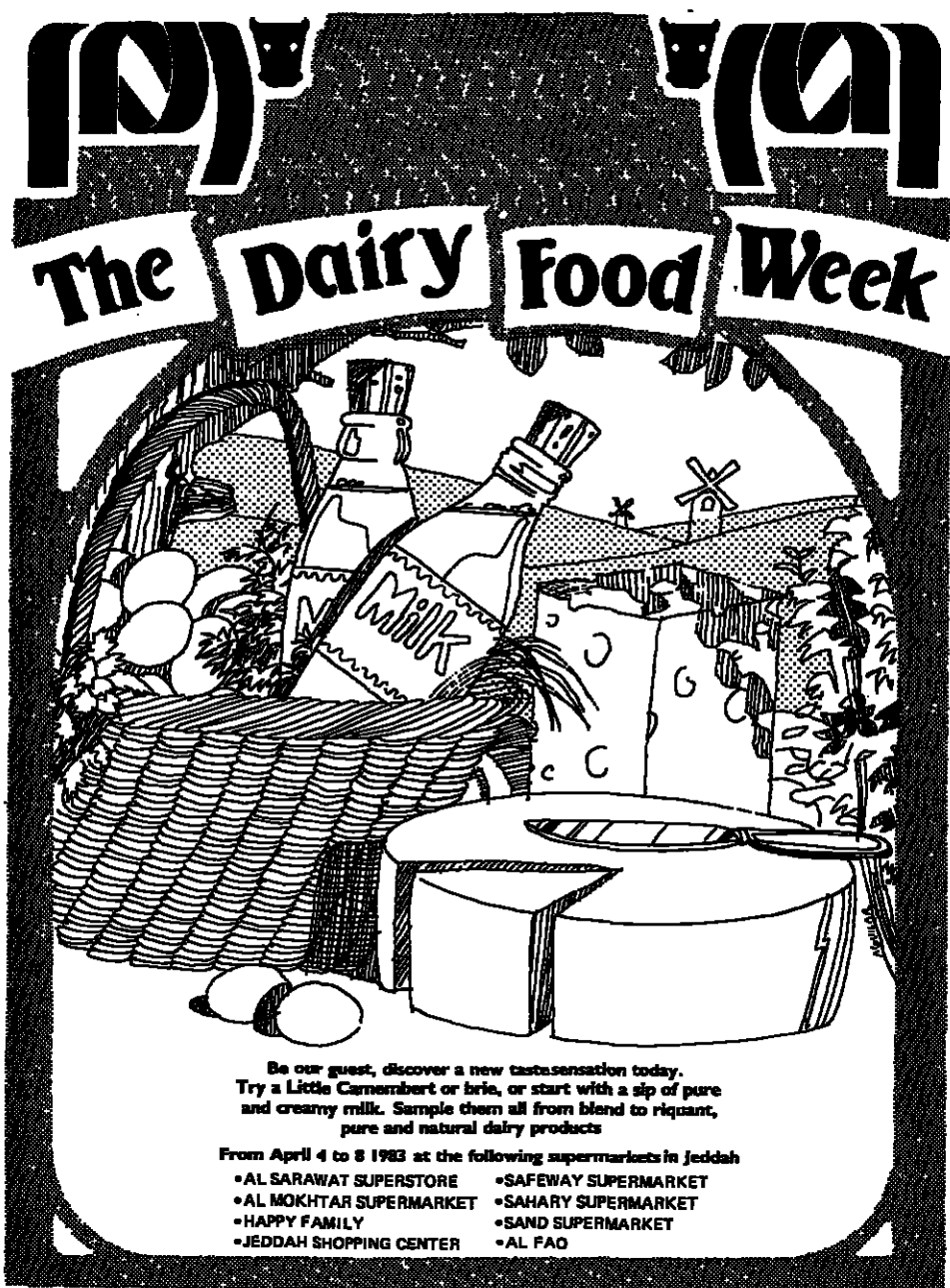
Last year, it sold almost three million tons of sugar on the world market more than four million to the Soviet bloc.

Most Western diplomats agreed that with the likely cooperation of the Soviet Union, Cuba would try to maintain its dollar-earning exports as much as possible to bolster flagging monetary reserves estimated at less than \$100 million. These reserves could be further strained by attempts to fulfil this year's economic growth target of two percent.

The plan aimed largely at increasing agricultural production — the very sector worst hit by the weather. The repeated rainstorms destroyed one quarter of the potato crop, 65 percent of tomatoes and "almost all" the wrapping leaves for the expensive export cigars, according to *Granma*.

No cash estimate of the total losses has been made but their magnitude can be gauged by Cuba's decision to start talks on aid with the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

The freak weather also hit Cuba just as it tried to stretch out repaying about one-third of its \$3.5 billion debt to the West. Its shortage of dollars has forced it to seek moratorium on its debts,



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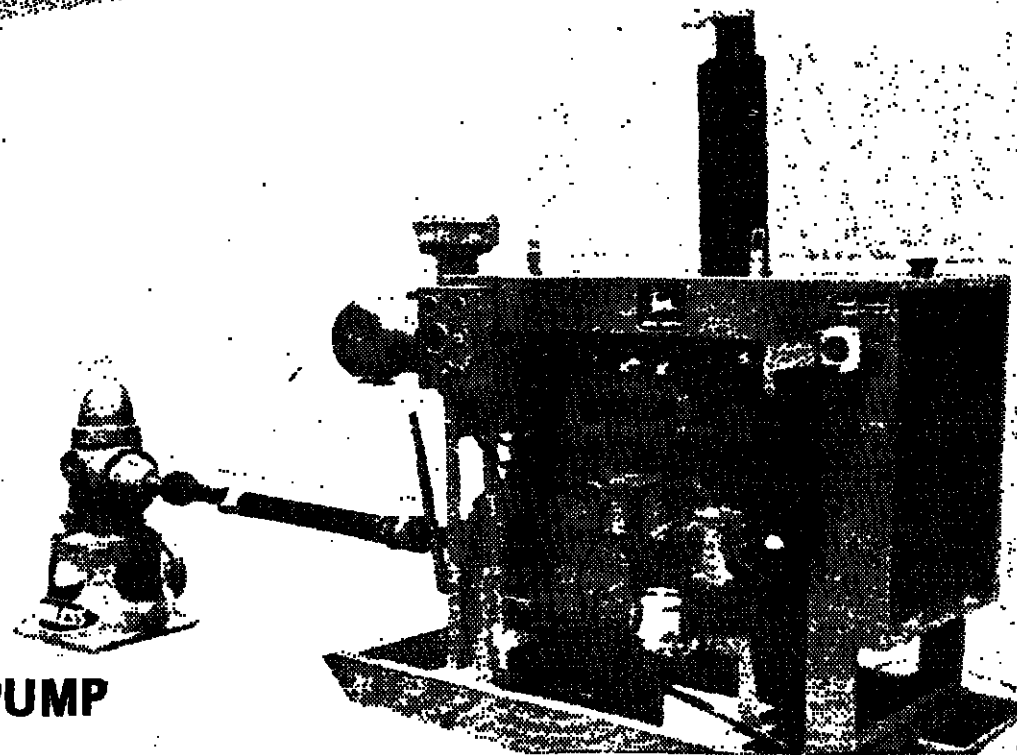
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## Call at South-South conference

# 3rd World urged to isolate U.S.

PEKING, April 5 (AP) — A Chinese professor urged Tuesday that the Third World nations work to isolate the United States and negotiate a better economic deal from the richer nations even without U.S. approval.

## EEC purchase of crude from M.E. drops by 27.7%

BRUSSELS, April 5 (Agencies) — The European Economic Community (EEC) last year bought 27.7 percent less oil from the Middle East, EEC figures showed here Tuesday.

Imports from the region were down by 64 million tons to 167 million tons. Total EEC oil imports from all parts of the world dropped 13.5 percent to 315 million tons. The community's own output jumped 14 percent.

## Seamen, U.K. officials discuss strike threat

LONDON, April 5 (R) — Leaders of the National Union of Seamen met shipping officials Tuesday to try to avert a threatened worldwide strike by 28,000 British merchant seamen. The union threatened a strike over government action last week in replacing the civilian crew of a troopship with royal navy men.

Union leaders met representatives of the Blue Star Line, which is managing the troopship for the government. Members of Britain's official conciliation service also attended the talks.

tion of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration.

Conference officials said several speakers criticized "certain developed nations, especially the United States," for blocking progress in "North-South" negotiations on the Third World's demands to correct what it calls unfair economic treatment. They said some speakers also declared that, as the major beneficiaries of the recent oil price cuts, the rich industrialized nations should

bear a greater responsibility for aiding the developing nations. Previously, they said, those nations had called on the major oil exporters to provide more aid to the Third World.

In a digest of her paper, China's official Xinhua news agency said Miss Chen urged that "to break the stalemate in the negotiations, the Third World countries should work to win over all possible forces so as to isolate the diehard forces."

"At present," the digest added, "the United States government has adopted a most rigid position in the North-South negotiations. So long as the developing countries close their ranks and work to win the support of all possible forces, progress can be achieved in the North-South negotiations on certain issues despite the non-participation and non-approval of the United States."

Miss Chen urged the United States of trying to shift the consequences of its economic crisis on the developing nations. She urged the Third World nations to reform their own economies to make them more self-reliant, and to coordinate their views to maintain a common negotiating position and "give special consideration to the special needs of the most difficult countries."

Conference officials told reporters the speakers did not treat the present stalemate in negotiations between the rich "North" and poorer "South" as an independent problem, but linked it with the need for greater cooperation among the South countries.

Another Xinhua digest said that in his paper, Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, Commonwealth secretary-general, declared, "South-South cooperation will increase collective self-reliance and, by reducing dependence on the North for food, finance and technology, increase the South's bargaining power."

Japanese package to hike growth

TOKYO, April 5 (AFP) — The Japanese government Tuesday formally adopted a package of measures designed to meet an official growth target of 3.4 percent in fiscal year ending in March 1984.

The program, announced after an inner Cabinet meeting held by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, allows for at least 70 percent of public work expenditure in the 12 months to be allocated in the first six months.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The World Bank has announced a credit of \$22.5 million to Cameroon to finance a project aimed at increasing "substantially" the capacity of the port of Douala.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Japanese economy continues to perform better than that of most other industrial countries, even though activity remains dampened by "structural adjustments to the oil price increases during the 1970s and by cyclical factors," according to an IMF survey.

## Pakistan, China sign 3 protocols

ISLAMABAD, April 5 (AFP) — Pakistan and China signed three protocols here Monday which officials said had greatly boosted prospects for future cooperation between the two countries.

The protocols — involving science and technology, trade, and economic cooperation — were signed by Pakistani Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan and the Chinese vice minister for foreign economic relations, Zheng Tuo Bin.

The protocols were reached at the end of the first session of the Pakistan-China joint economic committee meeting. The protocols include the upgrading of a heavy engineering complex at Taxila. It also spells out joint efforts to complete a cement factory in Punjab and an Islamabad sports complex.

The two sides agreed to cooperate in oil and gas exploration, in coal mining and brick-making, in earthquake-forecasting and in quake-resisting building. China also agreed to consider supplying machinery and equipment for joint projects on a project-to-project basis.

## Iran, Syria sign one-year oil pact

LONDON, April 5 (R) — Iran has signed a one-year contract with Syria for the sale of five million tons of crude oil, Tehran radio reported.

The radio, monitored in London, said the agreement was signed by Syrian Oil Minister Abdul-Jabbar Al-Dahhak and Iran's Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi, at the end of week-long discussions between Syrian and Iranian officials.

In an interview on state radio, Gharazi said the contract was for the sale of five million tons of crude oil on a cash and barter basis. "Another one million tons will be supplied for the continuation of the war against Israel," he said. Gharazi said there was a similar agreement last year.

The radio said the two countries had also signed a commercial letter of understanding under which Iran will import chemicals, textile, beans, peas and barley from Syria. The Syrian delegation has returned home, the radio said.

## Dollar steady, pound rises

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 5 — The European bourses were once again operative on Tuesday after the Easter holidays. The dollar remained steady despite some profit-taking throughout the day but the action was stymied by the British pound which rose another two cents to 1.5060 levels over Thursday closing rates.

Bullion prices were generally firmer compared to weekend rates, given a boost by the overnight New York market prices of \$420-\$425 an ounce and silver at the \$10.98 - \$11.03 price range. Dealing was erratic on Tuesday but bullion dealers hoped that the Tuesday price levels could be sustained into the coming few days.

It was interest rate consideration that still dominated the markets on Tuesday with Eurodollar deposit rates remaining generally firm at the 9% - 9% percent levels after Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates closed at extremely high levels of 9% percent on Monday night. This triggered anew fears that the "Fed" would raise its discount rate and dealers are cautiously awaiting to find out if the Monday night rises in "Fed fund" rates from previous levels of 8% percent was temporary or not. The firm Eurodollar deposit rates on the money markets helped to sustain the dollar as profit-taking sales hit it on the exchange markets but at the end of the day the American currency was still strong.

The British pound was firmer on Tuesday with the markets still feeling that the lower than expected oil price cut announced by the British National Oil Company had helped sterling to move up from its 1.4510 floor level reached about 10 days ago. Some profit-taking at 1.5070 levels reminded operators that sterling was vulnerable unless some concrete economic news came.

out of the United Kingdom, but for the time being the oil factor is working in the pound's favor.

In other currency news, the German mark weakened slightly to trade at the 2.4250 levels from opening prices of 2.4140 earlier in the day. The German Bundesbank did not intervene to support the mark but it stepped in to support the French franc when that currency started slipping below the 7.2780 levels. The Swiss franc was steady at 2.0750 levels but some profit-taking kept prices moving around the 2.07 level while the Japanese yen was boosted by the news of the 8-point package program designed to push up the rate of domestic economic growth in Japan. The yen traded higher at the 238.50 level from the 239.40 on weekend closing prices.

In the domestic markets, rial deposit rates moved higher in the short to medium end of the market and interbank activity was higher compared to weekend volumes. The week fixed tenor was quoted at 8% - 9% percent and reached 9% percent at one stage in Jeddah. Other medium term fixed tenors such as the one-month JIBOR rate traded around the 9% - 9% percent level while the one-year rate was 1/2 percent up at 9% - 9% percent. Dealers feel that rates will continue to firm until the general directions of world interest rates becomes clearer. On the domestic exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates were active at the 3.4505-08 to 3.4508-12 levels by close of business.

The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	430.58
Paris	428.06
Frankfurt	428.35
Zurich	426.25
Hong Kong closed	

## Group of 77 ministers study resolutions to boost trade

BUENOS AIRES, April 5 (AFP) — Ministers of "Group of 77" Third World nations were Tuesday studying a score of economic resolutions that were adopted by the officials Monday night.

The details were being withheld until completion of the ministerial conference which is

due to end on Saturday. An official said agreement had been achieved Monday through consensus on marketing, transport and distribution of basic commodities produced by the Third World. Measures to provide other financing and protection against fluctuating prices were recommended to the ministers.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.25	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.22	14.03
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	71.83
Canadian Dollar		2.80
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.10	142.72
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.00	126.40
Egyptian Pound	3.07	2.98
Emirate Dirham (100)	94.25	94.05
French Franc (100)	48.00	47.64
Greek Drachma (1,000)	40.00	41.57
Indian Rupee (100)		34.56
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.40	24.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.57
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.63
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.84	11.82
Lebanese Lira (100)	83.60	83.32
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.10	52.31
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.65
Philippine Peso (100)		35.88
Pound Sterling	5.21	5.19
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.95	94.87
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.41
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		25.52
Swiss Franc (100)	167.00	167.13
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## American concern over fires

## Cigarettes under attack on a new front

By Carole Feldman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cigarettes, long deplored for causing cancer, are under attack on a new front. A group of Americans is urging the government to require that cigarettes be made incapable of starting fires.

"I feel the same way about fire-causing cigarettes as other parents feel about irresponsible drivers or child molesters that killed their innocent children," Jay E. Bondi of California, whose two children were killed in a cigarette-caused fire, told a congressional panel recently. "Legislation necessary to eliminate the cause of such deaths should be enacted," said Bondi.

Bondi's children, five-year-old Matthew and three-year-old Colleen, were asleep at a neighbor's house in 1974 when fire struck. The cause of the fire, according to the Glendale fire department, was a cigarette in a chair. "The children were the innocents, though," said their mother, Carole A. Bondi. "They didn't smoke. They had nothing whatsoever to do with the fire. They simply died because of a cigarette that continued to burn."

Also testifying was Maura Melody of Connecticut, whose firefighter husband was killed a little more than a year ago in a cigarette-related blaze. "I guess my plea is for the wives of all the firefighters in this country," she said. "What happened to me could happen to any of them."

The three testified before a house subcommittee on health and the environment on behalf of legislation that would give the government product-safety agency 24 months to develop standards to ensure that cigarettes have the least likelihood of igniting furniture and mattresses.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, there were 63,518 smoking-related fires in the United States in 1981. These fires killed

2,144 persons and injured 3,819 others. "The cigarette, when it is finally analyzed, is nothing more than a torch," said opposition Democratic representative Joseph Moakley of Massachusetts, who sponsored the legislation. Moakley cited a study by the U.S. Testing Company that showed there are two cigarettes on the market, Sherman and More, that could be considered fire-safe. When left unattended, Sherman self-extinguished, while More burned the entire length but did not ignite furniture, he said.

Horace A. Kornegay, a lobbyist for the tobacco industry, contended, however, that the technology does exist for a fire-safe cigarette. "Congress cannot legislate science into existence," he said in urging rejection of the legislation.

He called the bill "fundamentally misguided and impractical" and said it would give the safety agency "the authority to devastate a major industry, to virtually prohibit overnight the hundreds of cigarette brands that millions of Americans now use, and replace them with a single, government-issued, so-called fire-safe cigarette."

The tobacco industry, he said, is attacking the problem of cigarette-caused blazes by supporting the efforts of the furniture industry to reduce the flammability of its products. Based on tests conducted by Guilford Laboratories, Kornegay said, "as of the beginning of this past year, there was evidence that the modern American cigarette poses little if any ignition risk to a substantial portion of the furniture now being manufactured in the United States."

Stuart M. Stalter of the safety agency told the subcommittee that efforts to make upholstered furniture more fire-resistant have "no effect on the tens of millions of sofas and chairs now in peoples' homes."

By contrast, he added, "changing the make-up or design of cigarettes to reduce the long burn would have an impact on all furniture — new and old."

Andrew McGuire, executive director of the Burn Council in San Francisco, said there is a movement in 10 states to develop standards for fire-safe cigarettes, with legislation already introduced in New York, California, Connecticut, Illinois and Oregon. That "5,000 children and adults are being burned or killed each year because of cigarettes is our national disgrace," he said.

## Novel approach to treating cancer projected

By Harry Nelson

SAN DIEGO (LAT) — A novel approach to treating cancer of the uterus with "thermomagnetic" surgery will soon be launched at the medical center of the University of California, Los Angeles, researchers told a recent cancer seminar here.

At the same time, they also reported an improved combination drug treatment for advanced cancer. The treatment, aimed at patients with the most common type of lung cancer whose tumors are too advanced to be operable, is the most effective yet tried on this kind of patient, according to Dr. Robert B. Erichson of Stamford, a clinical professor of medicine at New York College of Medicine.

The four-drug regimen — cisplatin, cytosin, oncovin and adriamycin — resulted in extended survivals for up to two years in 25

of the 44 patients in the trial, according to Erichson. He described the quality of their survival as "good."

Meanwhile, Dr. Robert W. Rand told the American Cancer Society science writers seminar that the new thermomagnetic treatment to be tried at UCLA involves passing tiny slivers of iron in liquid silicon into the uterus and then placing the patient under a coil that emits an alternating current magnetic field. The alternating current causes the magnetized iron slivers to spin, producing heat that destroys the nearby tissues, Rand said. The temperature of the organ raised to about 120 degrees Fahrenheit, he added.

Rand said that, pending approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the first human patient is expected to undergo the treatment at UCLA within a month under the direction of Dr. Leo Lagasse, professor of obstetrics and gynecology. The university's human subject protection committee has already approved the project, he said.

Following the heat treatments, the patient's uterus will be removed surgically, Rand said that the destruction of the cancer

cells by heat before the surgical removal of the uterus will prevent cancer cells from spreading to other organs, a risk faced with traditional-type surgery.

The current methods of treating uterine cancer is by dilation and curettage, or DNC, followed by a hysterectomy or implantation of radioactive pellets. Rand said that the DNC procedure has the biggest risk of spreading cells to other organs because it can loosen cancer cells into the blood stream.

The lung cancer treatment reported by Erichson is aimed at so-called non-small cell carcinoma. This includes the most common kinds of cancers of the lung, which until now have shown very poor responses to chemotherapy, the physician said. Combinations of drugs have been effective, however, against small-cell carcinoma, which accounts for about 25 percent of lung cancer. For the non-small-cell-type, the overall five-year survival rate ranges between 5 percent and 10 percent after surgery to remove the lung. But, Erichson said, surgery is possible in only 30 percent of patients and only 25 percent of these are cured.

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By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

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Nevertheless, there's still apprehension by some psychiatrists because the treatment has been overused or sloppily applied in the past. But most realize that it may be clearly indicated in conditions in which the newer drugs haven't helped. It may be used in the earlier stages of schizophrenia to abate symptoms, but is most effective in the treatment of serious manic depressions. Sometimes, even one treatment may produce improvement, but more often as many as 12 treatments are needed over a period of three or four weeks.

In the past, there have been instances of broken vertebrae or teeth, but newer methods of anesthesia have lessened such complications with use of muscle relaxants. The machine produces a programmed amount of current and the seizure lasts about 30 seconds. Most patients are awake in three or four minutes. There may be side effects such as headaches, nausea, confusion and impairment of memory. Nevertheless, the risk is minimal. Weighed against the possibility of suicide and intense depression, it seems worth taking when prescribed by a reputable psychiatrist.

According to an article quoting Dr. James O. Van Bavel of Baystate Medical Center, "One young woman was suffering intense depression with delusions and hallucinations. I tried anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, lithium. We were beginning to feel we wouldn't be able to help her. But her response to ECT was as close to miraculous as anything I've seen." After several treatments she was discharged.

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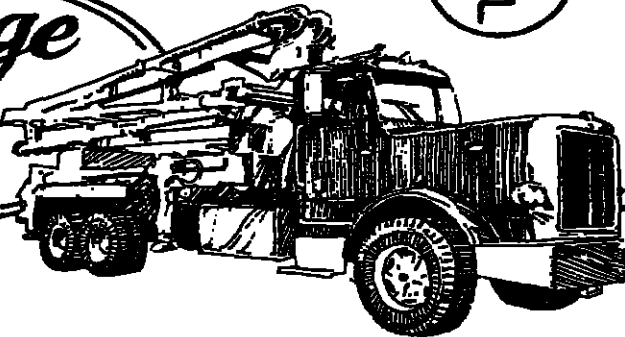
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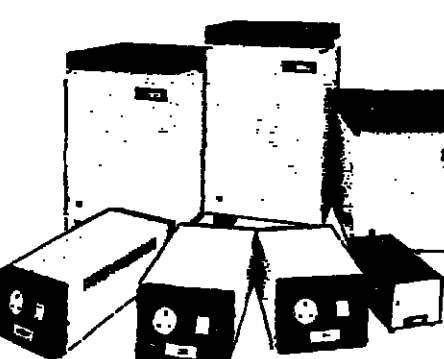
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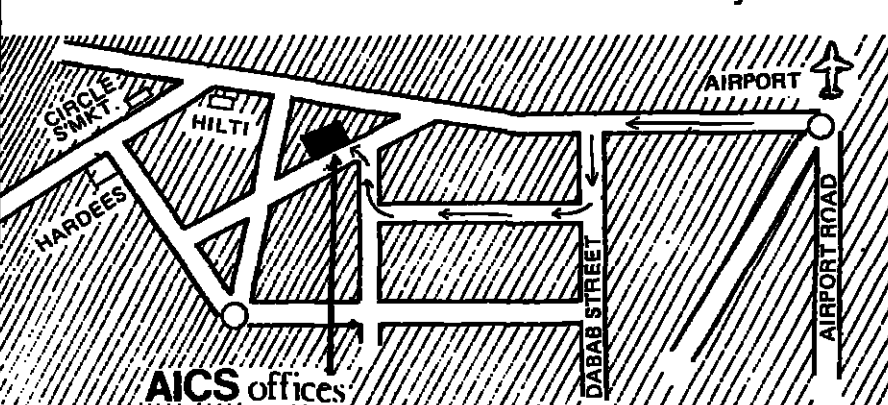
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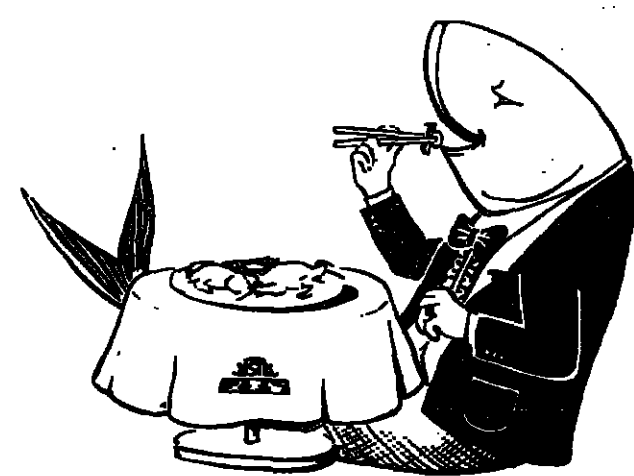
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0415 Outlook	1045 Lessons - The Prince of Music
0445 Report on Religion	1100 World News
0500 World News	1109 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
0509 British Press Review	1130 Assignment
0515 English Baroque Music	1200 Network U.K.
0530 Ann Veronica	1215 What's New (ex 2nd, 16th, 30th International Soccer Special)
0600 World News	1230 Jazz for the Asking (ex 2nd, 16th, 30th)
0609 News about Britain	0100 World News
0615 The World Today	0109 The World Today
0630 Discovery	0125 Book Choice
0700 Newswatch	0130 Financial News
0730 Weekguide	0140 Reflections
0740 Book Choice	0145 Sports Round-up
0745 Financial News	0200 World News
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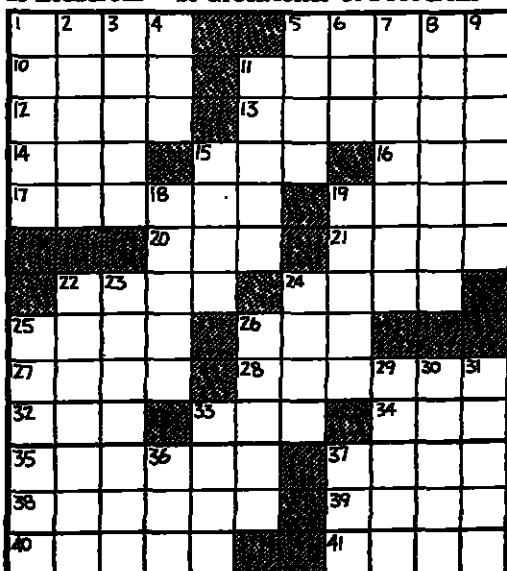
## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Belgian	1 Assailed
5 Shoeless	2 Altar
10 Arabian chieftain	3 investment
11 Caustic substance	4 Fastening bolt
12 Cruz-Romo, e.g.	5 Tennis term
13 Elicit	6 N.Z. tribe
14 Expert	7 Water holder
15 New Guinea town	8 Jail-breaker
16 Cap	9 Subjects
17 Prescribed limits	11 Harbor
19 Cantinflas movie	24 Principal
20 Wisdom symbol	25 Death
21 Dregs	26 Greek letter
22 Gust	29 Watered fabric
24 Simba's hair	30 Eve - in want
25 Coin	33 John or Jean
26 Color	36 Deer
27 Spot	
28 Fired gun	
32 Brooks of comedy	
33 Purview	
34 Native mineral	
35 Turkish inn	
37 Tease	
38 Spanish woman	
39 Incensed	
40 Step in	
41 Gainsay	



Yesterday's Answer



## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES  
DJMHUSQVWDX - VIH QPVWSWVG  
DY JDVI HGHM QKA HQUM.

— IDUQPH XQKK  
Yesterday's Cryptquote: PESSIMISM IS THE NAME THAT MEN OF WEAK NERVES GIVE TO WISDOM.—BERNARD DEVOTO

## Contract Bridge B. Jay and Steve Becker

## Eliminating the Risk Factor

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 954  
♥ 72  
♦ KQ1093  
♣ A4

**WEST**  
♠ 10862  
♥ A10854  
♦ 655  
♣ J2

**EAST**  
♠ KQ  
♥ J93  
♦ J742  
♣ 10973

**SOUTH**  
♠ AJ73  
♥ KQ6  
♦ A8  
♣ 865

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 3NT Pass

Opening lead—five of hearts.

Declarer occasionally adopts a line of play especially designed to prevent a particular defender from gaining the lead. One reason might be that that opponent has a long suit he can cash. Another reason might be to protect a holding that is vulnerable to attack if led by one defender rather than the other.

This deal presented declarer with the latter type of situation, and he came through with flying colors. After winning East's jack of hearts with the king at trick one, South could count eight

certain winners—three diamonds, three clubs, a heart and a spade. He also had excellent chances for a ninth trick if the jack of diamonds fell on the A-K-Q, or if the clubs proved to be divided 3-3.

But before staking the outcome on either of these possibilities, South pondered what would happen if both suits were unfavorably divided. He realized he could overcome J-x-x of diamonds in the third round of that suit. But South also realized that if East had J-x-x and won a trick with the jack, a heart return could sink the contract.

It was at this point in his thinking that it dawned on declarer he had a sure way to make nine tricks. At trick two, he led a low club to the queen, returned the diamond three and finessed the eight! When the eight held, he cashed the ace, entered dummy with a club and cashed three more diamonds, scoring ten tricks in all.

The great advantage of South's method of play was that it guaranteed a favorable outcome regardless of how the diamonds were divided. Even if the finesse of the eight had lost to West, any return he might make would be sure to leave South with at least nine certain winners.

## Believe It or Not!



**RUSS GONDER**  
of Placerville, Calif., built a miniature castle that is eight feet tall, contains 15 rooms and even includes a drawbridge. Then sold it for \$1,200.  
Submitted by Edward S. Malukons, Forty Fort, Pa.

## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake  
FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1983

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
Financial problems arise with friends. Trust your intuition regarding a career dilemma. Others play one-upmanship.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
A co-worker may take unfair advantage of a situation. You'll meet those who have different ethical standards from yours.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
You may be shocked when a loved one takes someone else's side in a dispute. Work duties should take precedence over a desire to travel.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋  
The less said the better on this day when problems could arise both at home and the office. Money is a source of tension.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌  
You can't count on the cooperation of others now. It's

a poor time to win people over to your point of view. Remain silent.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
Once again little things prove to be your bête noir. You'll meet shrewd types in business and financial deals aren't favored.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
You'll play your cards close to the chest today. Overspending could lead to the blues. Send a thank-you note to a relative.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Behind the scenes moves could backfire. You're not able to take everyone into your confidence today. Don't argue with family.

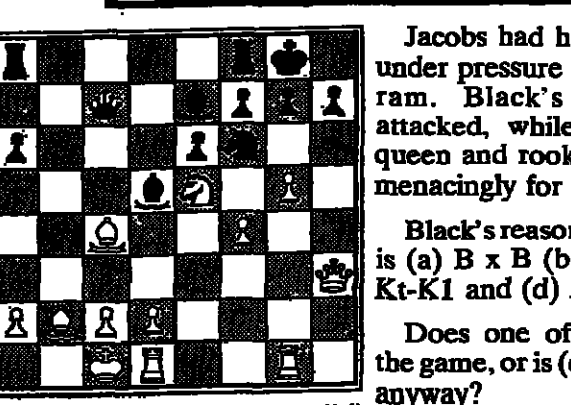
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
You're liable to let money problems get you down now. Instead of worrying, do something positive to remedy the situation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
Others ask you to choose sides, but you're caught in the middle. Listen to your own inner voice for guidance. Watch spending.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
You'll have to read between the lines to ascertain the truth of a situation. Be low-key, as others are easily provoked.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
Try not to dwell on problems. Money dealings aren't favored, but a friend is helpful careerwise. Don't be outmaneuvered.

## CHESS/Leonard Barden



Jacobs had his opponent under pressure in this diagram. Black's knight is attacked, while the white queen and rook are poised menacingly for attack.

Black's reasonable choice is (a) B x B (b) Kt-Q2 (c) Kt-K1 and (d) Kt-K5.

Does one of these save the game, or is (e) Black lost anyway?

**Yesterday's solution**  
1 B-K4? 2 Kt-B1 and White resigned. His overloaded queen cannot protect both knight and bishop.

B. Jacobs (Slough) vs. J. Seht (West Germany), ICL Hastings Challengers 1982.



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## New U.S. satellite slips to wrong orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, April 5 (AP) — The world's largest and most expensive communications satellite tumbled out of control for several hours Tuesday after release from the space shuttle *Challenger*. Space agency officials reported they had regained command, but it was unclear how effective the satellite could be.

The question was whether ground controllers could maneuver the 2 1/2 tons, \$100 million satellite to its planned stationary orbit 22,300 miles high. Trackers estimated the payload was in a distorted orbit ranging from about 14,000 to 22,000 miles high, and it could not be fully effective on that path.

Experts consulted computers to determine if stabilizing gas jets aboard the tracking and data relay satellite (TDRS) could be used to shift the craft into stationary position.

"There is some possibility it could be done," said Julian Levine, a spokesman for TRW, which built the TDRS. "The satellite has some on-board propulsion capability and the technical issue now is its ability to move the satellite into the proper orbit."

*Challenger* commander, Paul J. Weitz and his crewmen, pilot Karol J. Bobko and mission specialists Story Musgrave and Donald H. Peterson, who had ejected the satellite from their cargo bay late Monday, were in a sleep period when the trouble began. They were in the second day of the shuttle's first flight.

An hour after the satellite was deployed, the rocket fired successfully to propel the package on its way to the high outpost. The problem arose about 110 GMT after the rocket ignited a second time, to try to arrest the satellite in the stationary outpost. The resulting egg-shaped orbit indicates an engine misfire.

After several hours of suspense, mission control in Houston, Texas, calculated a way to separate the heavy rocket stage from the satellite and then to command the small jets to halt the tumbling motion.

"We have gained control of the TDRS satellite," National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman Jim Kukowski reported. "We have initiated deployment activity and we are able to confirm it has separated from" its rocket stage.

"The TDRS appears to be stable and we are told the solar panels are being unfolded," another agency spokesman, Steve Nesbitt, said. The panels unfurl to a wingspan of 57 feet to capture the sun's rays and convert it to electrical power.

## 45 Peruvian peasants slain

AYACUCHO, Peru, April 5 (AP) —

About 200 left-wing guerrillas, many riding horses, raided two towns south of this provincial capital on Sunday and killed 45 peasants in revenge for the opening of a new police outpost, military officials reported Monday.

They said the bloodiest attack occurred in Santiago de Lucanamarca, 290 miles south of Lima and 90 miles south of Ayacucho in the area that the Maoist "Shining Path" guerrillas have called a "liberated zone."

The officials gave this account: The guerrillas stormed into the town as people were returning home from Easter services and ordered 50 residents into the town square

where they were placed on trial. Thirty were sentenced to death and shot in front of their horrified relatives.

The guerrillas looted shops and set fire to the town hall and then went to Huancasancos, 13 miles farther south, where they seized 15 peasants in their homes and killed them.

Both towns are in Victor de Fajardo, one of seven provinces that the government placed under military control last December because of the increasing number of guerrilla attacks. The death toll was the highest reported in guerrilla attacks since the "Shining Path" movement launched its campaign in May 1980.

## Rebels cut oil line to Zimbabwe

LISBON, April 5 (R) — Mozambique guerrillas have blown up a pipeline supplying oil to Zimbabwe in retaliation for sending troops to help the Mozambican government, a rebel spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM), said guerrillas blew up 10 meters of the pipeline at Tica, 70 kilometers west of the port of Beira from where the pipeline runs to Zimbabwe.

The attack, the guerrillas' first on the oil supply since it blew up oil storage tanks at Beira last December, was the start of a campaign against Zimbabwean targets, the spokesman said. Mozambique blamed the Beira fuel tank attack on South Africa which, it said, armed and supported the guerrilla movement.

The guerrilla spokesman said about 5,000 Zimbabwean troops were in Mozambique to help the government fight rebels. Rebels recently attacked a government military base killing 27 soldiers and three Cuban advisers at Mangochi in central Mozambique, the spokesman said.

In an unrelated development, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe expressed revulsion Tuesday at the murder of a Zimbabwean senator, his daughter and a British visitor and promised that the killers would be hunted down ruthlessly.

He also said in a statement that his government, as a matter of urgency, would provide farmers with weapons for their defense and help them set up a guard system. Zimbabwe's 4,800 white farmers are essential for the economic well-being of the country, one of the few in black Africa able to feed itself and produce a surplus for export.

"Government shall leave no stone unturned in its efforts, already under way, to track down, apprehend and bring to justice those responsible for this heinous act," Mugabe said.

## 2 flee E. Berlin

BERLIN, April 5 (AFP) — Two young East Berliners have escaped into West Berlin across a steel tightrope between two houses near the Berlin Wall dividing the two sections of the city, a daily newspaper has reported.

The men, aged 23 and 24, had planned and practiced their move for months, outfitting themselves with steel wire, nylon rope, pulleys with handholds and a bow. With the bow, they shot the wire, that had been connected to the nylon rope, to the roof of a house in West Berlin where it was picked by a friend who subsequently attached it to his car.

With the wire stretched sufficiently taut by the car, the pair hauled themselves along it, over the formidable wall and into the West. The maneuver was carried out last Wednesday.

## Sikhs may shift strategy

Leader warns

NEW DELHI, April 5 (AP) — Harchand Singh Longowal, president of the Akali Dal (party), which has been campaigning since August for political and religious concessions for India's 13 million Sikhs, warned in Amritsar, 400 kilometers northwest of here, that after April 13 his party might shift from what he called its "peaceful strategy."

Longowal's threat came Monday night after 24 persons were killed and some 500 others injured in bloody clashes between police and thousands of Sikhs who tried to blockade roads across Punjab, where most of the Sikhs live. The agitation was called by the Akali Dal.

Police opened fire after they failed to scatter agitators with tear gas and water. Clashes between protesters and police erupted in a dozen cities.

The militant Akali leader threatened: "Our patience seems to have been exhausted now. Today police fired at innocent Sikhs ... But for how long we shall continue to tolerate such type of repression? Perhaps not for long now..."

Longowal also demanded that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi resign and take full responsibility for what he termed "uncalled for firing" by police.

On Tuesday, New Delhi's largest newspaper, the independent *Hindustan Times*, branded the road blockade a "mindless agitation," and added in an editorial that it was

proof that the moderates in the Akali Dal are losing influence.

"It is difficult to see how the Akalis hoped to further their cause by creating needless inconvenience to bus passengers ... They are determined to create a confrontation with the central government ... (They hope) they could claim several martyrs to their cause," the editorial said.

Monday's seven-hour road blockade campaign, paralyzed traffic and disrupted activity in much of Punjab.

A spokesman for the Punjab state government said police fired in "self-defense" at 12 different locations when they failed to disperse mobs with metal-tipped clubs and tear gas.

Authorities sent paramilitary police to Punjab to foil the blockade and Longowal warned violence would continue unless the police were withdrawn.

The bloodiest clash occurred in Malerkotla, the only predominantly Muslim town in Punjab, where 11 demonstrators were shot and killed.

Armed Sikhs fired on policemen at some places, and one government spokesman said several policemen, including some senior officers, were injured in attacks by sword-wielding Sikhs.

Several of the 500 policemen and demonstrators injured in Monday's clashes were listed in critical condition in Punjab hospitals.

## 9 Filipinos hacked to death

MANILA, April 5 (AP) — Nine persons in a remote Philippine village were reportedly hacked to death and beheaded last week, authorities said.

The Philippine constabulary said the killers, who numbered around 15, were believed to be members of a religious cult. An army report, however, said they were suspected Communist New People's Army guerrillas.

The massacre occurred in San Antonio village in Misamis Oriental province, 500 miles southeast of Manila. According to the reports, the victims were members of two

families living in one house, including three children.

Misamis constabulary provincial commander, Col. Cesar Navarro, told reporters in the provincial capital of Cagayan de Oro that the victims were members of a religious sect called the Philippine Benevolent Christian Missionaries Association.

The victims had expressed a desire to quit the sect a day before the massacre, Navarro said, adding police in the area reported arresting one cultist as a suspect. No details were available about the cult's beliefs, however.

## Ustinov arrives in E. Berlin

BERLIN, April 5 (AP) — Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov arrived Tuesday on an "official, friendly visit" to East Germany, the government-controlled media reported.

Heading a Soviet military delegation, Ustinov came at the invitation of the East German Communist Party and the state council, both headed by President Erich Honecker.

Ustinov was met at East Berlin's Schoenefeld Airport by Defense Minister Gen. Heinz Offmann.

In opening talks, Ustinov and Offmann called attention "to the efforts of the most aggressive circles of imperialism, especially in the United States, to change the military balance of power in their favor and endanger world peace," the official ADN news agency said.

ADN said Ustinov would spend "several days" in East Germany, visiting Soviet troops, East German military colleges and factories. Western sources estimate 385,000 Soviet soldiers are based in East Germany.

The Soviet visit follows Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's rejection three days ago of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's interim proposal on medium-range nuclear missiles.

## Leftists kill 14 in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, April 5 (AP) — Leftist rebels attacked three towns on the Western slopes of the San Vicente volcano 35 miles west of the capital Monday, killing 14 persons, military sources said.

An attack by about 300 rebels on the town of Verapaz began Sunday night and continued into Monday morning, residents of the town said. The guerrillas killed 11 civil defense patrolmen and one army soldier and wounded three other soldiers, civil defense sources said.

Another guerrilla band attacked Guadalupe, about three miles to the south, killing one civil defense patrolman and wounding three others, including the local commander, said Carlos Humberto Montoya, a civil defense official in the town.

A third rebel group attacked San Emigdio, killing at least one civil defense patrolman, military sources said. Guerrillas captured at least a dozen rifles and 8,000 rounds of ammunition in the attacks, according to the reports.

In Verapaz, they bombed two houses adjacent to the civil defense post and downed power lines and telephone lines, leaving the three towns without electricity and communications, the reports said.

Unidentified assailants late Sunday shot and killed the mayor of another town in San Vicente province. National police identified the victim as Eleazar Cruz Iraheta, 40, mayor of Cayetan Estepoque, about six miles east of Verapaz.

Cruz Iraheta was a member of the far-right Republican Nationalist Alliance, which is headed by Roberto d'Aubuisson, president of the Constituent Assembly. A police spokesman said the mayor had received a series of threats in recent days from guerrillas entrenched on the San Vicente volcano.

## Violence controlled last year, India says

NEW DELHI, April 5 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government, in a report released this week, gives itself high marks for curbing violence and says criminal activity was "well under control" during the past year.

Incidents of communal violence were not allowed to proliferate, said the annual report of the Ministry of Home Affairs, circulated in parliament.

The report acknowledged as a "matter of deep regret" that many innocent people were killed in violence in Assam state in the wake of agitation against elections called there by Mr. Gandhi last February.

The latest government statements say more than 3,600 persons are either dead or missing as a result of the rioting. The report accepted no government responsibility for the Assam violence that many critics said was precipitated by calling elections at a volatile time in the remote northeastern state.

The report also said the Gandhi government actively seeks solutions to violence in another troubled state, Punjab.

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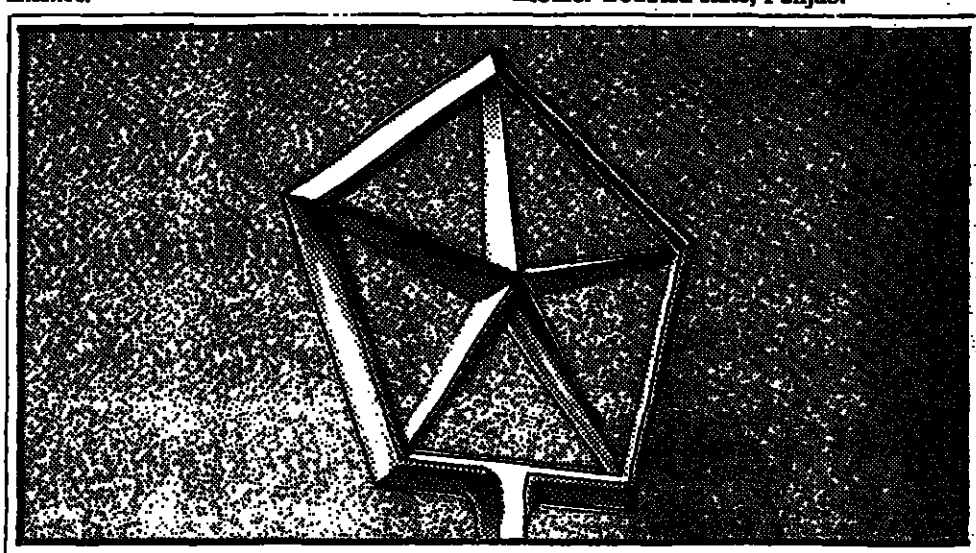
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